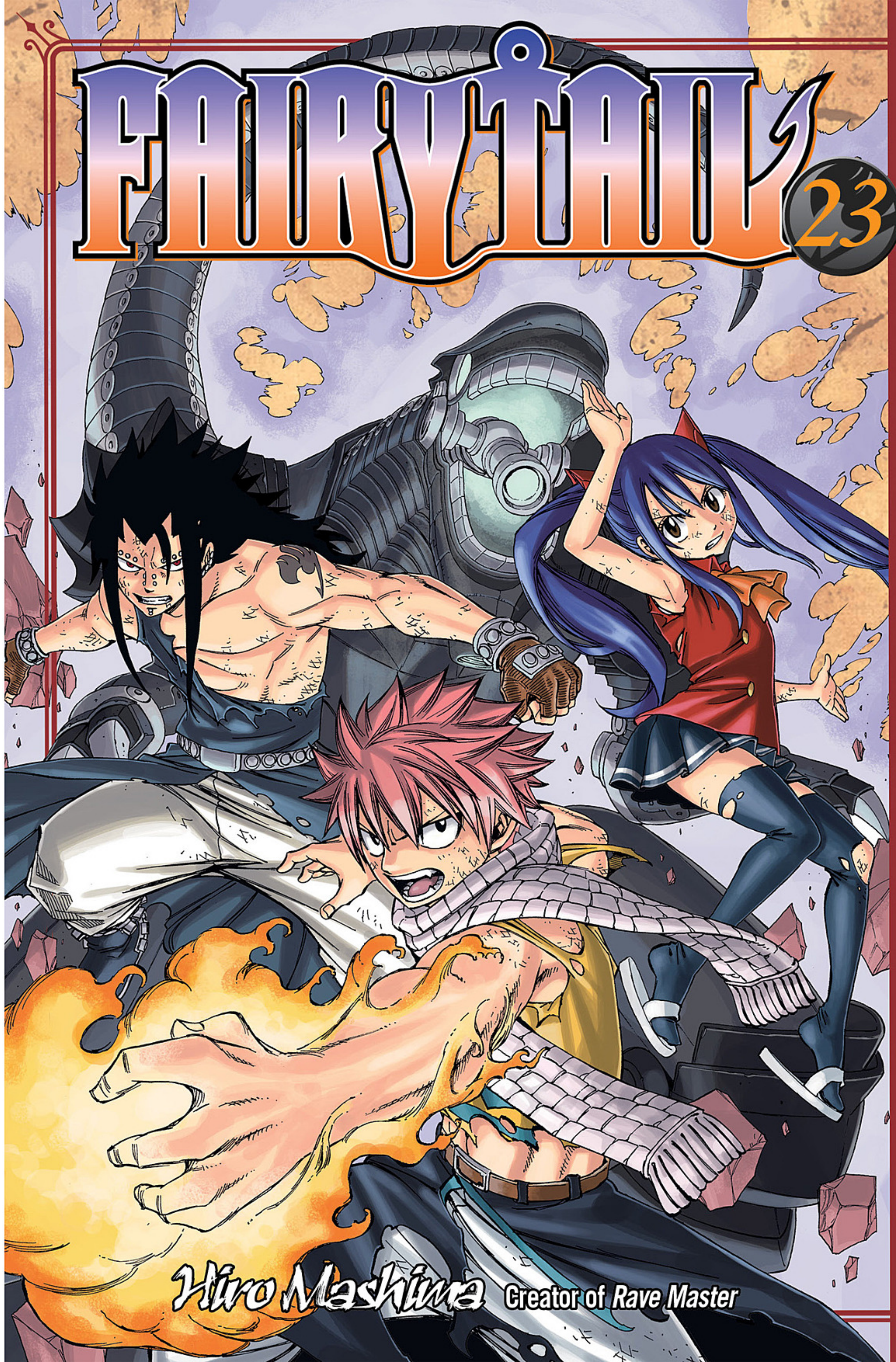


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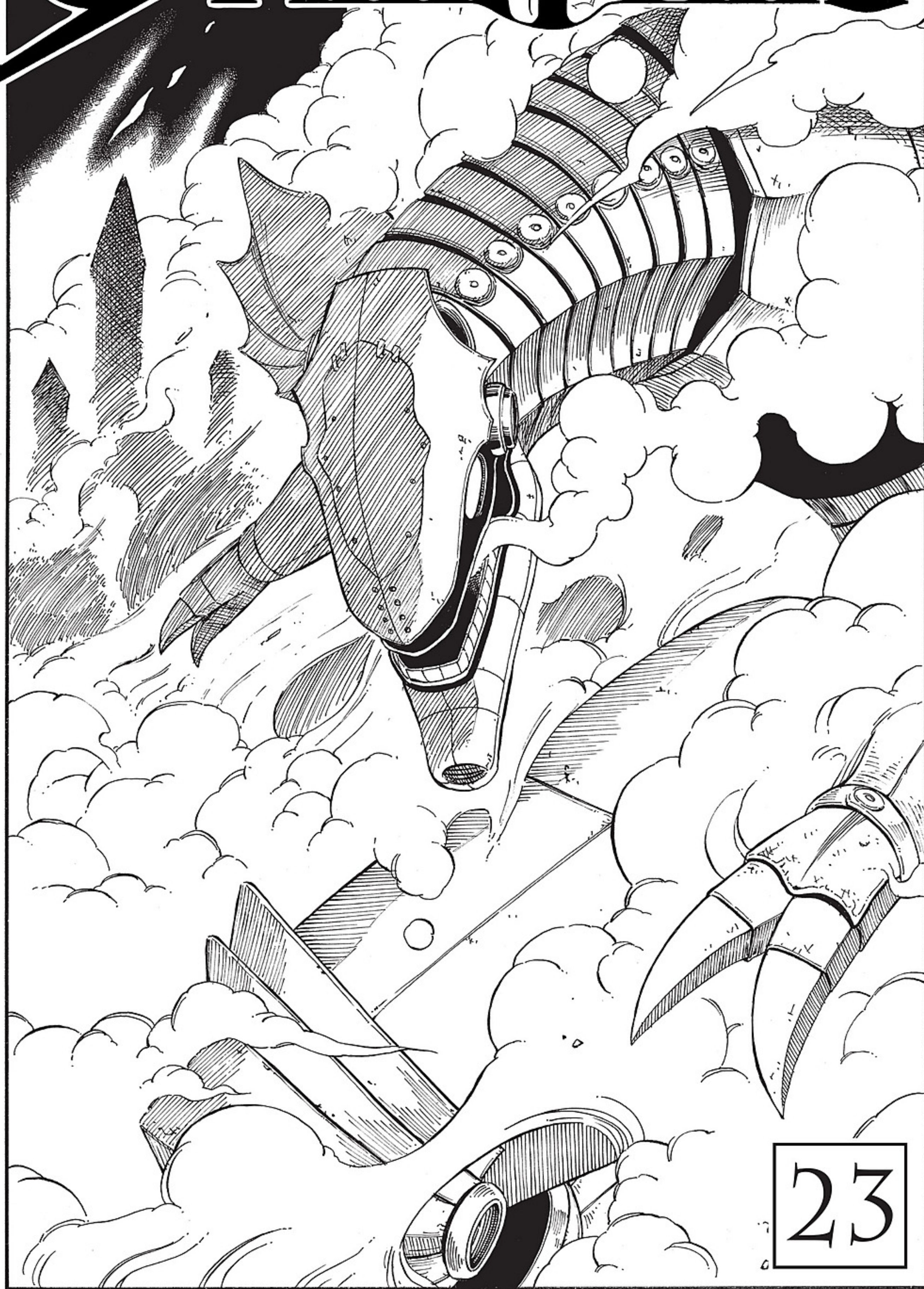
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It's
speeding
up?!

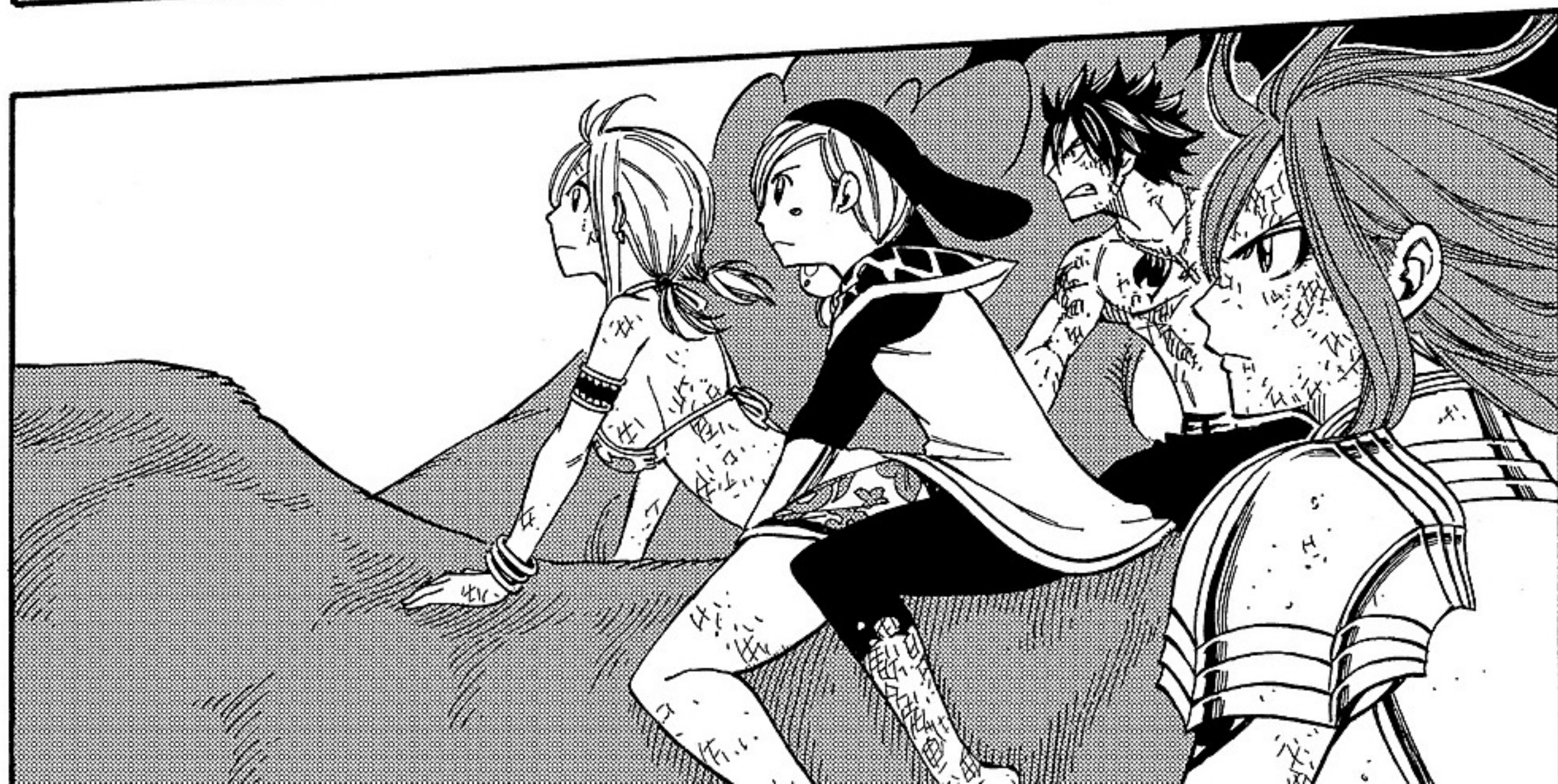
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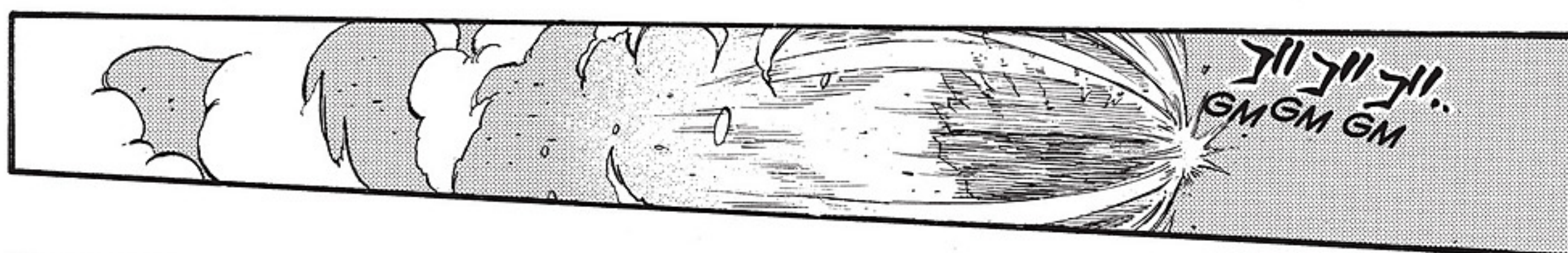
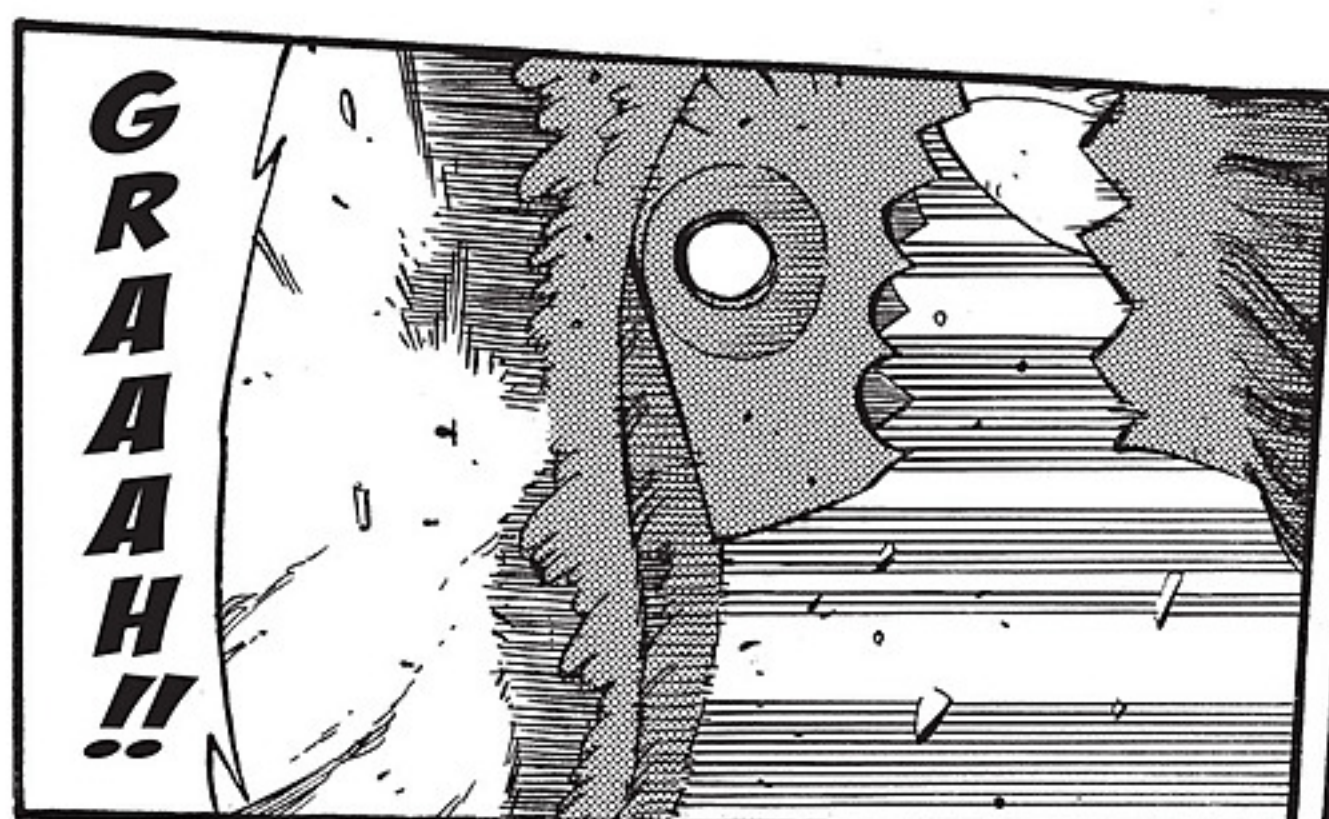
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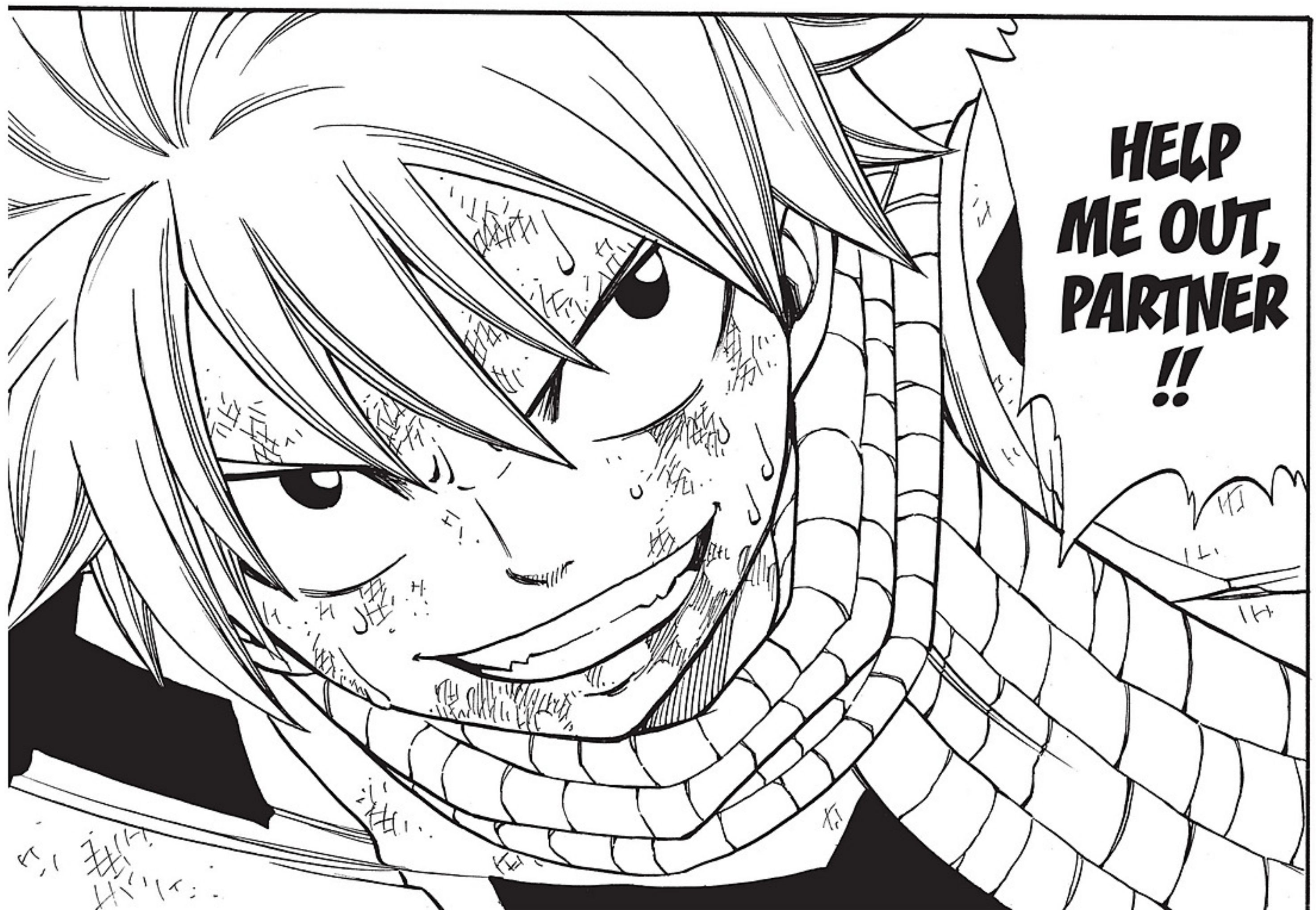
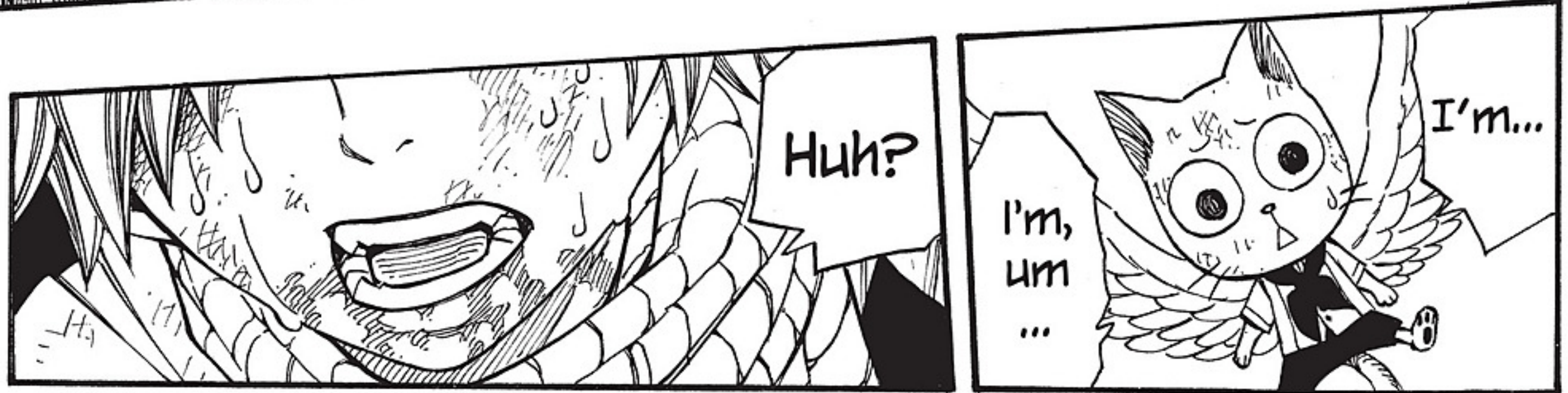
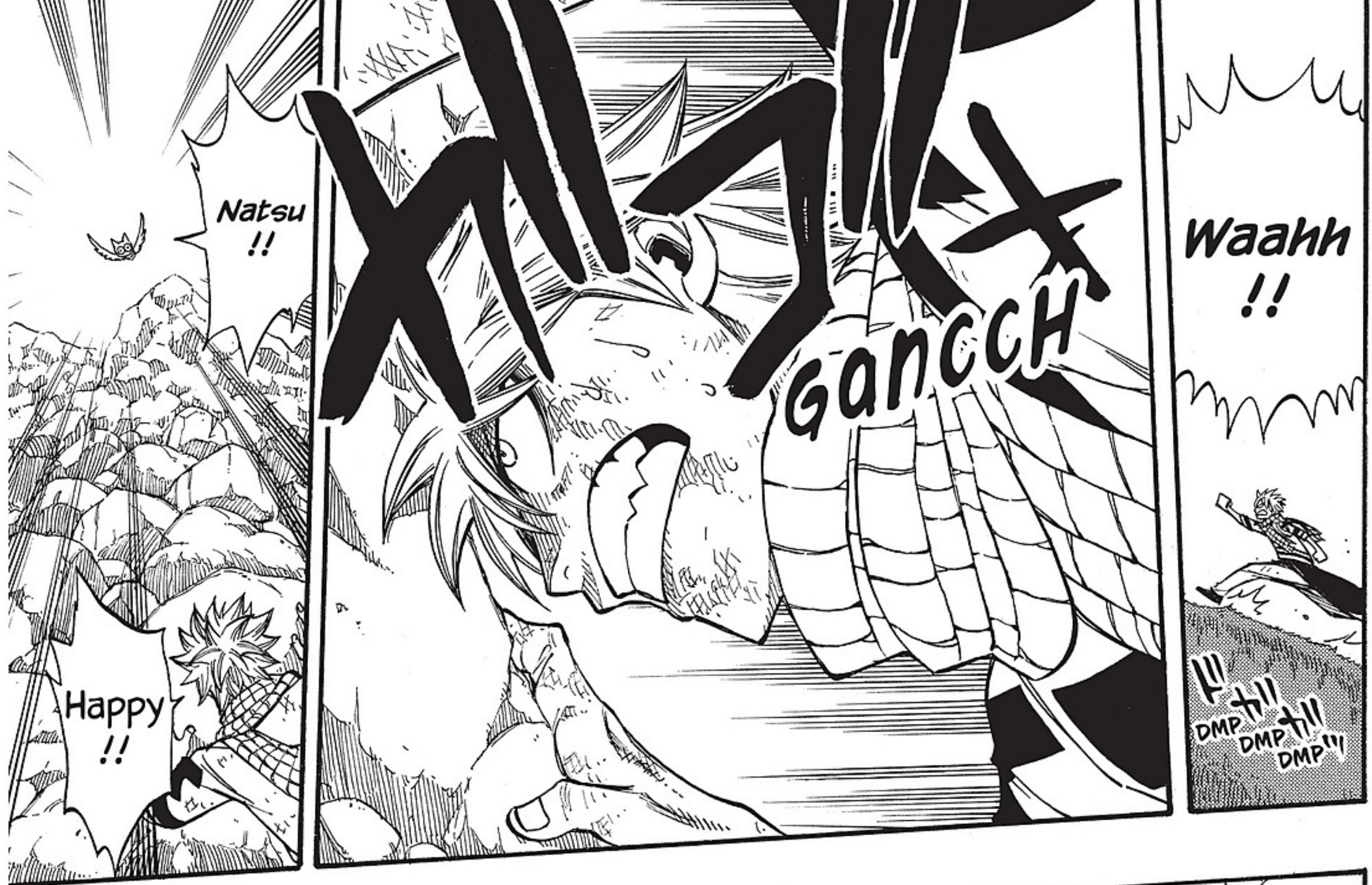


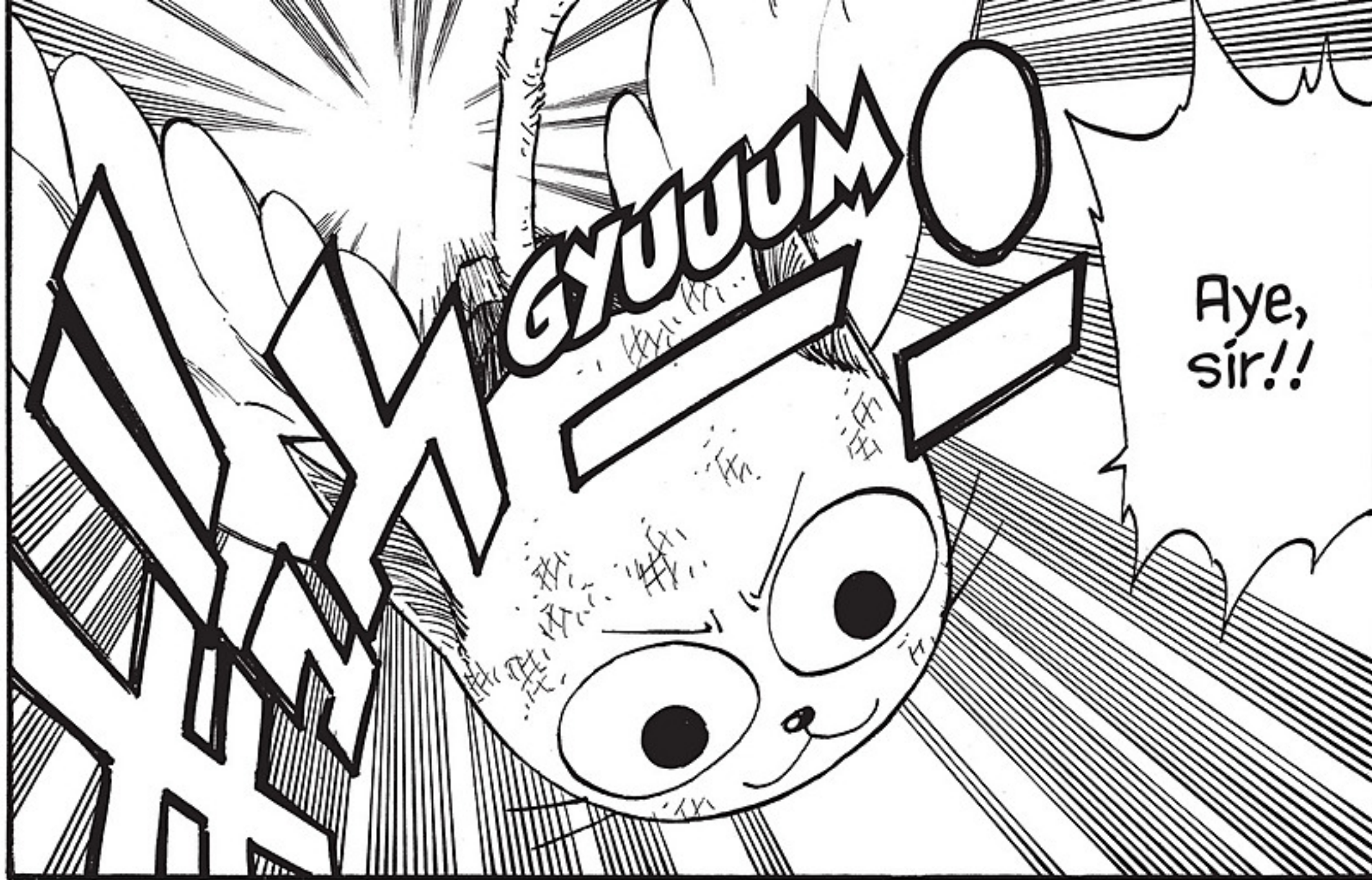
We
can't let
them crash
into each
other!!

Hurry
up!!

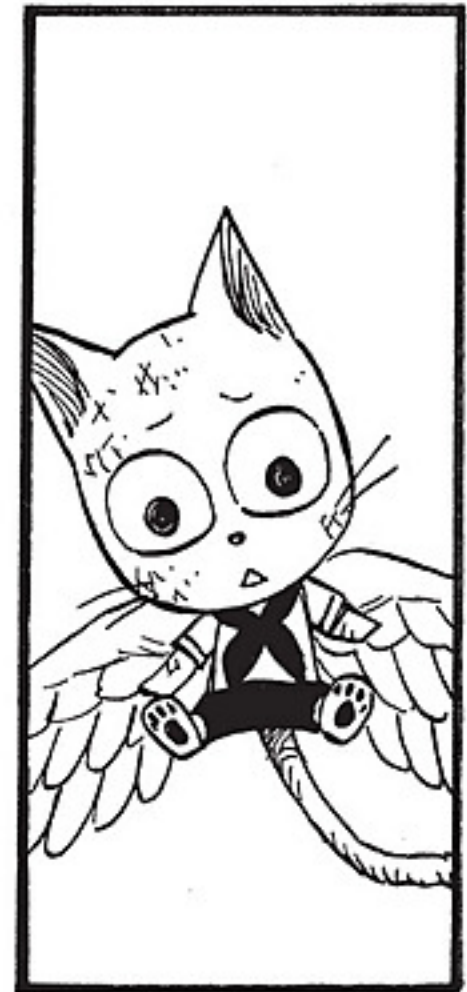








Aye,
sir!!



We'll
finish our
battle
when I've
stopped
this thing!

I'm not
running
or hiding
or any-
thing!



*You're
running
away?!*

Okay,
truce,
Black Cat!

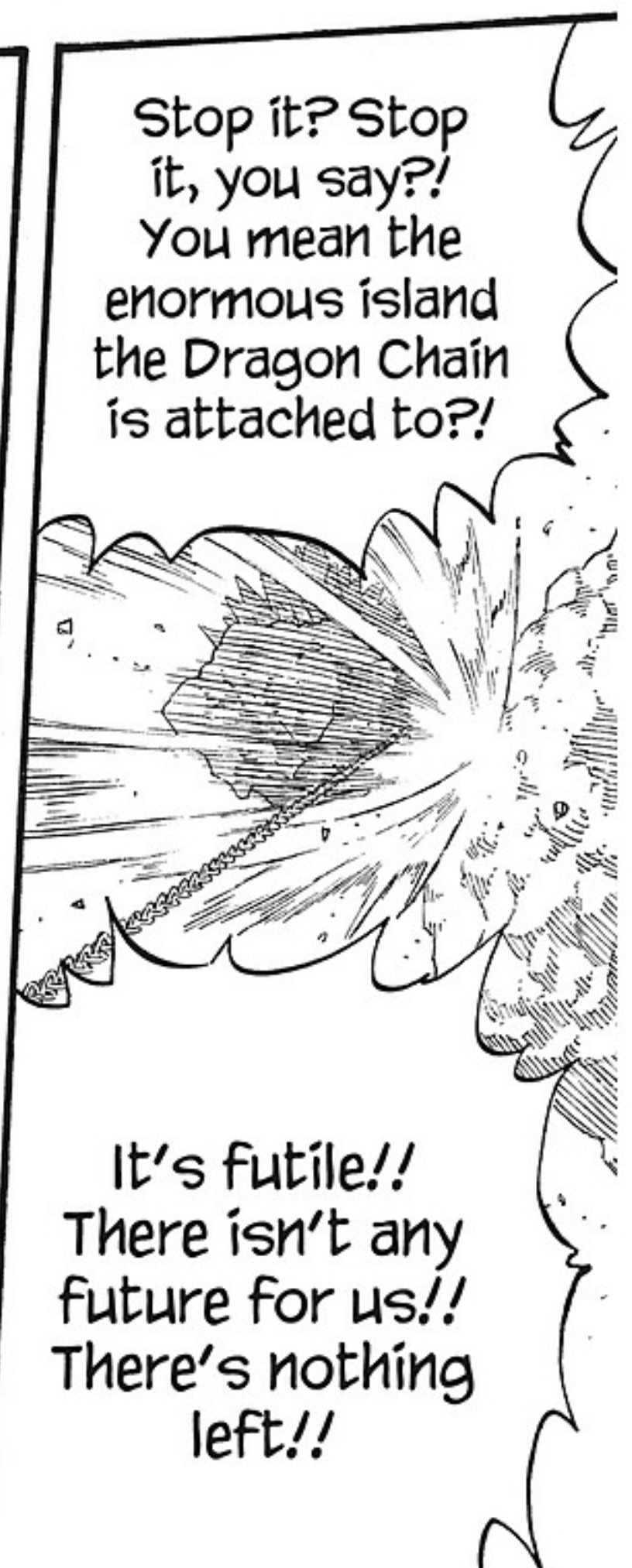


And
I'm
going
to make
you my
cat!

Gee hee
hee...

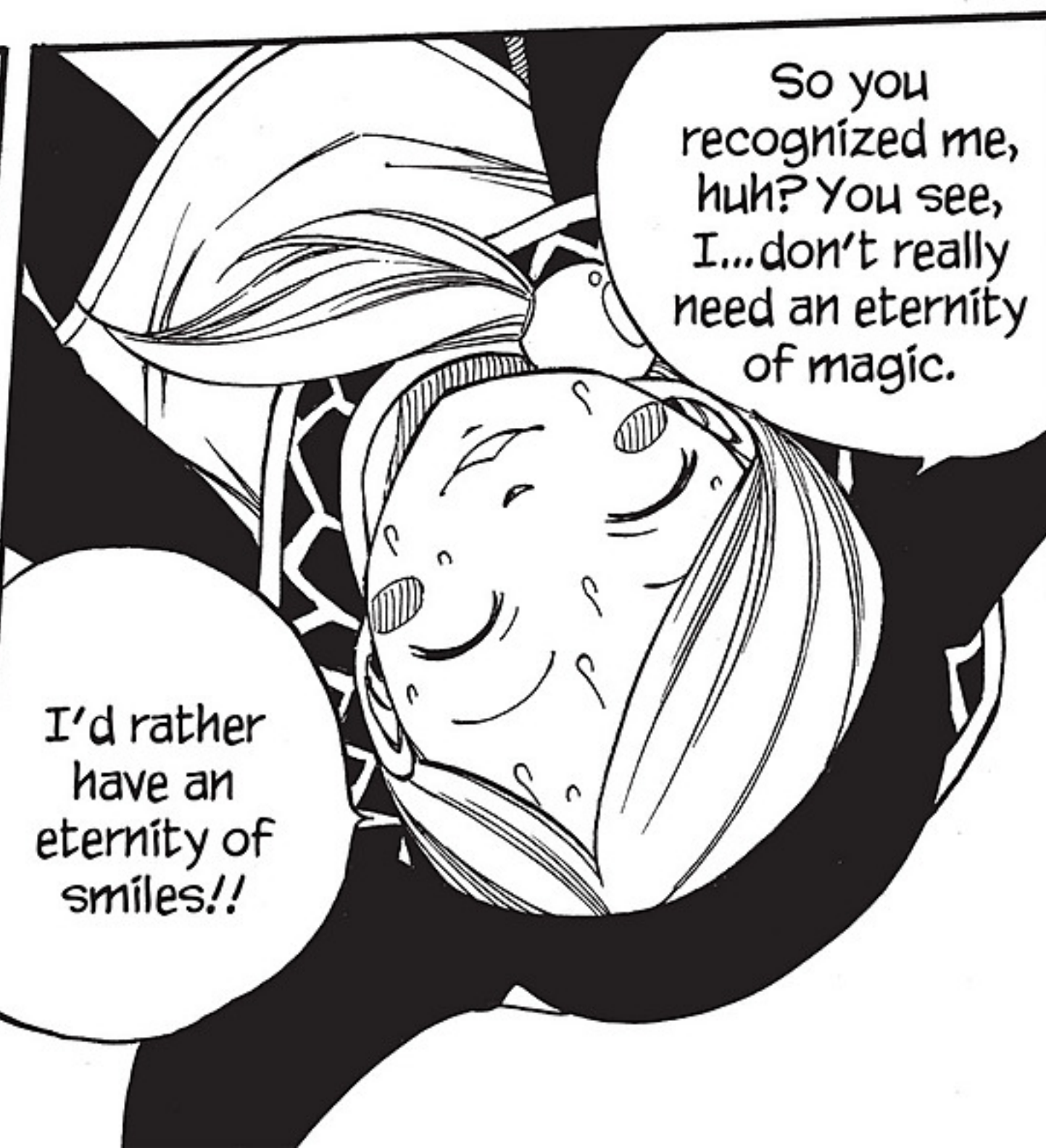
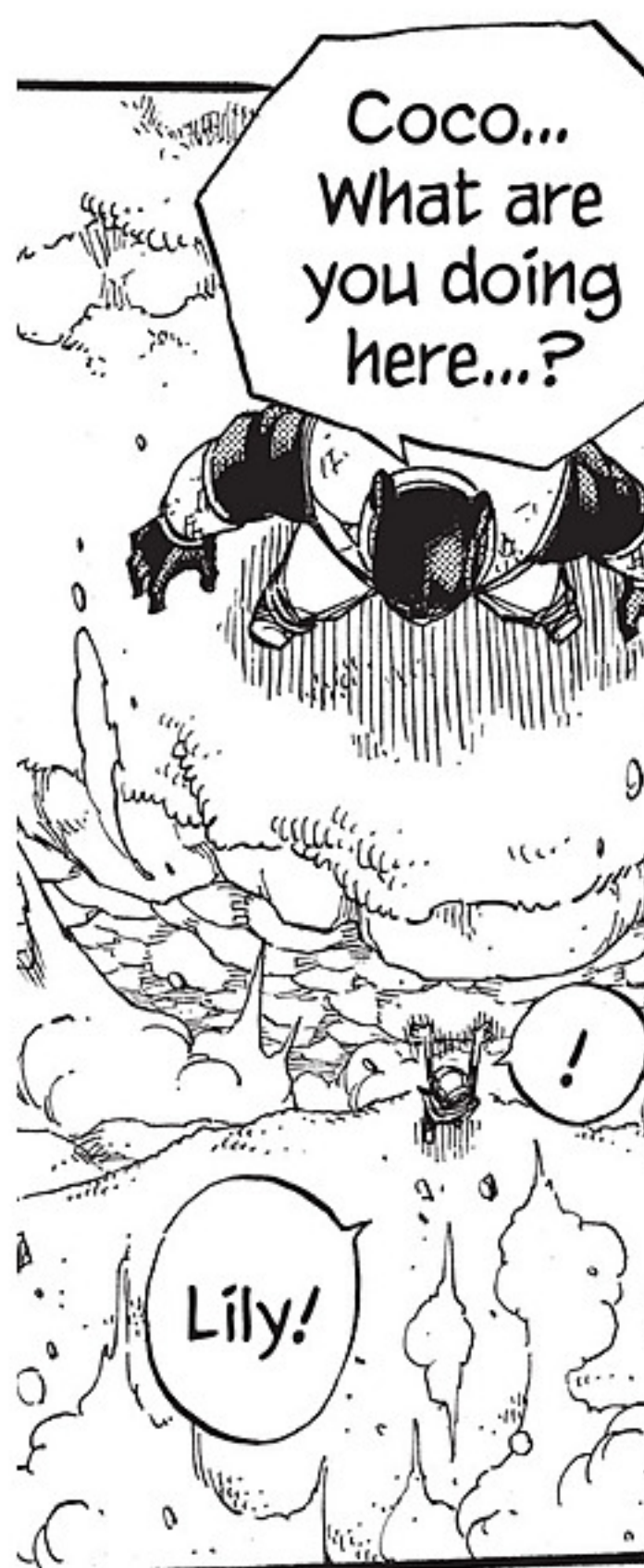
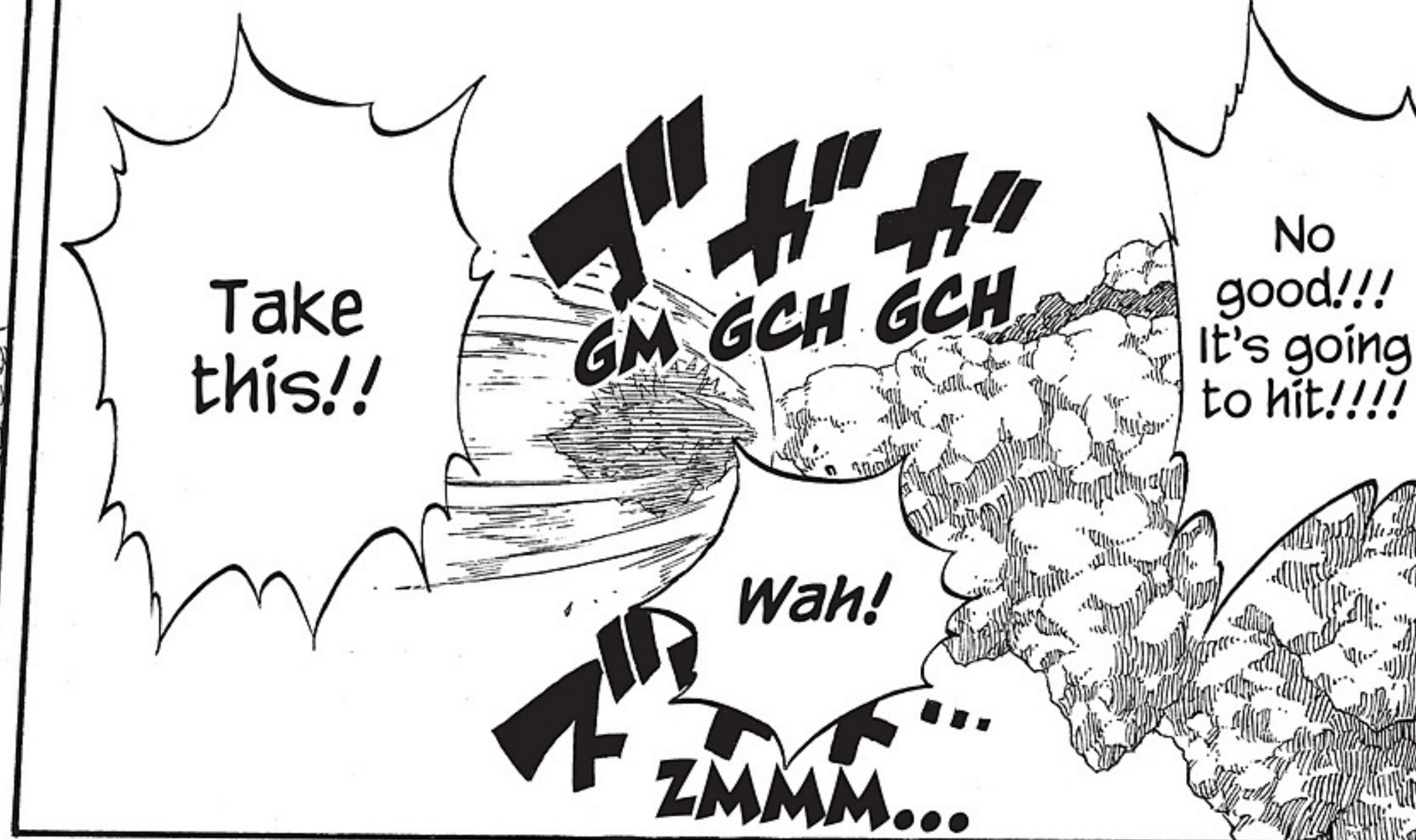
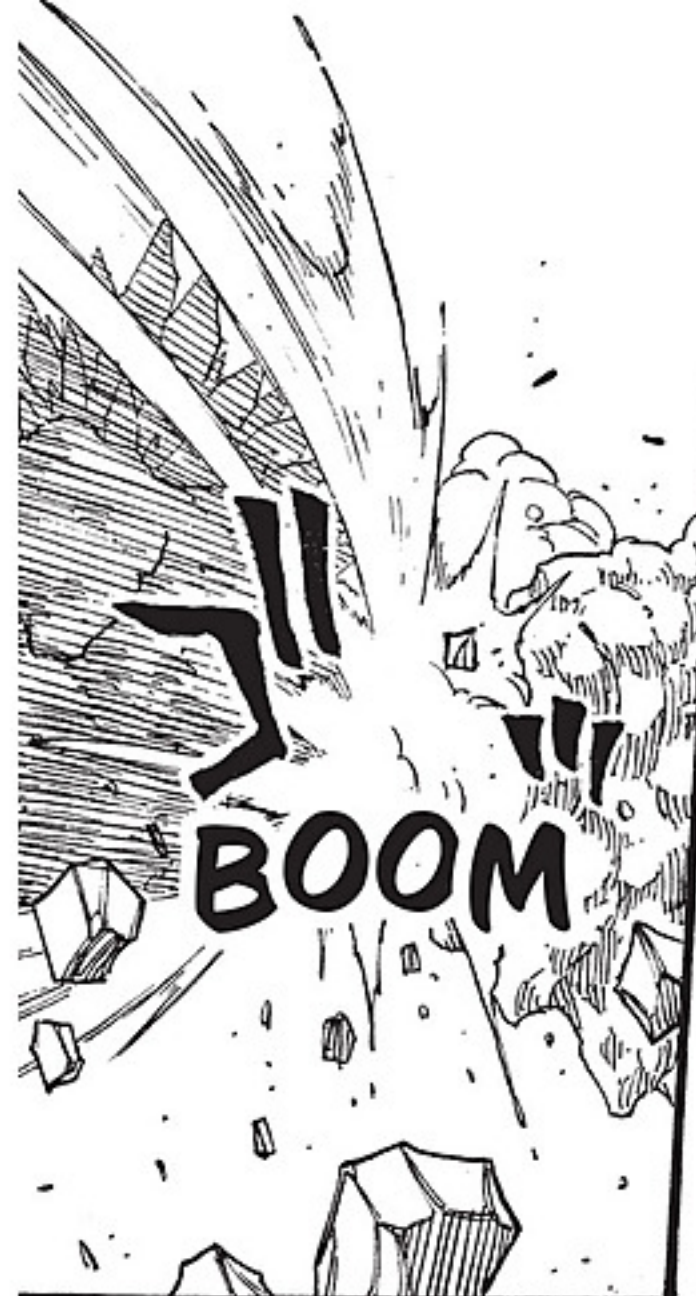


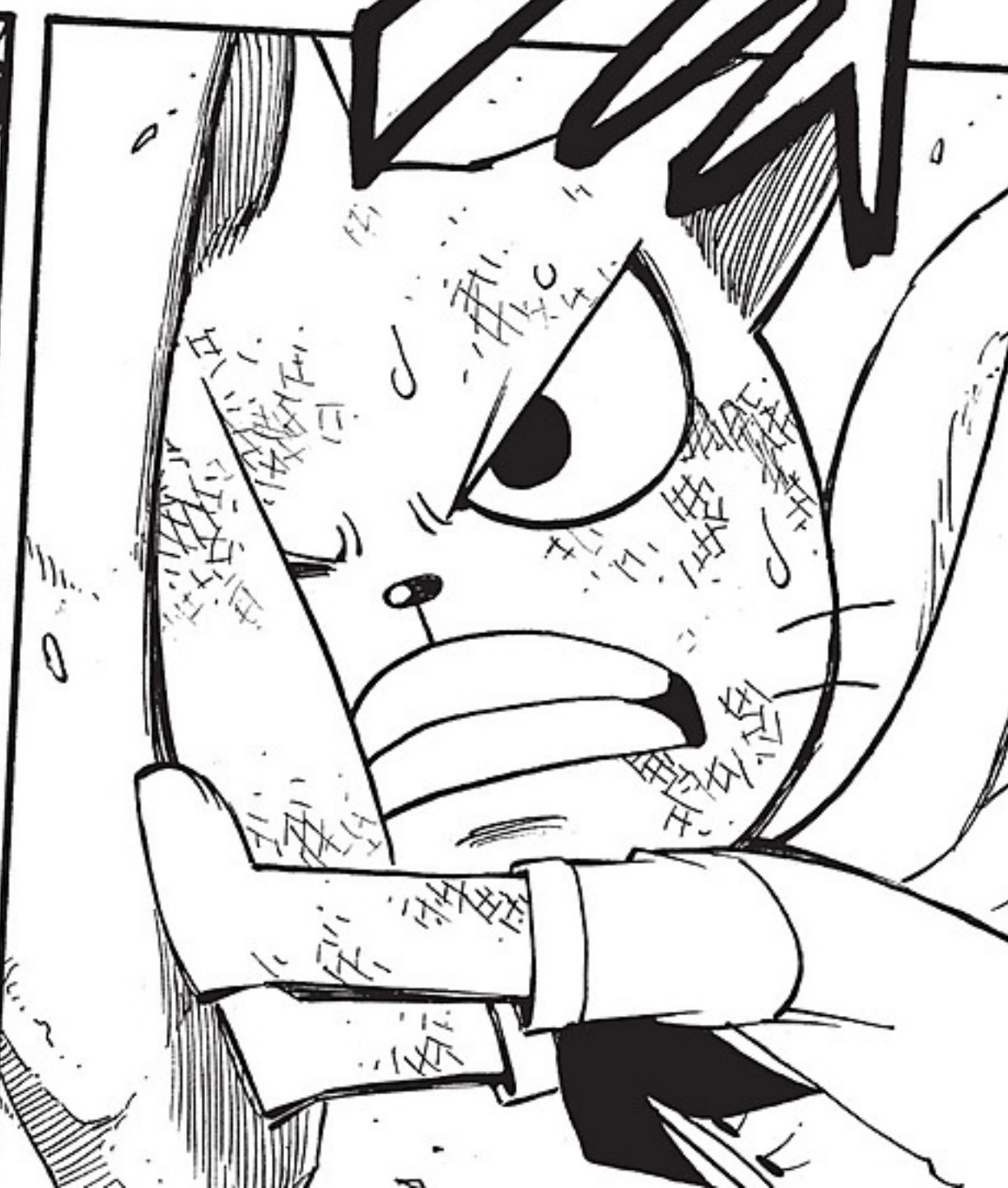
After this
I'm taking
my guild
back with
me - by
force if I
gotta!

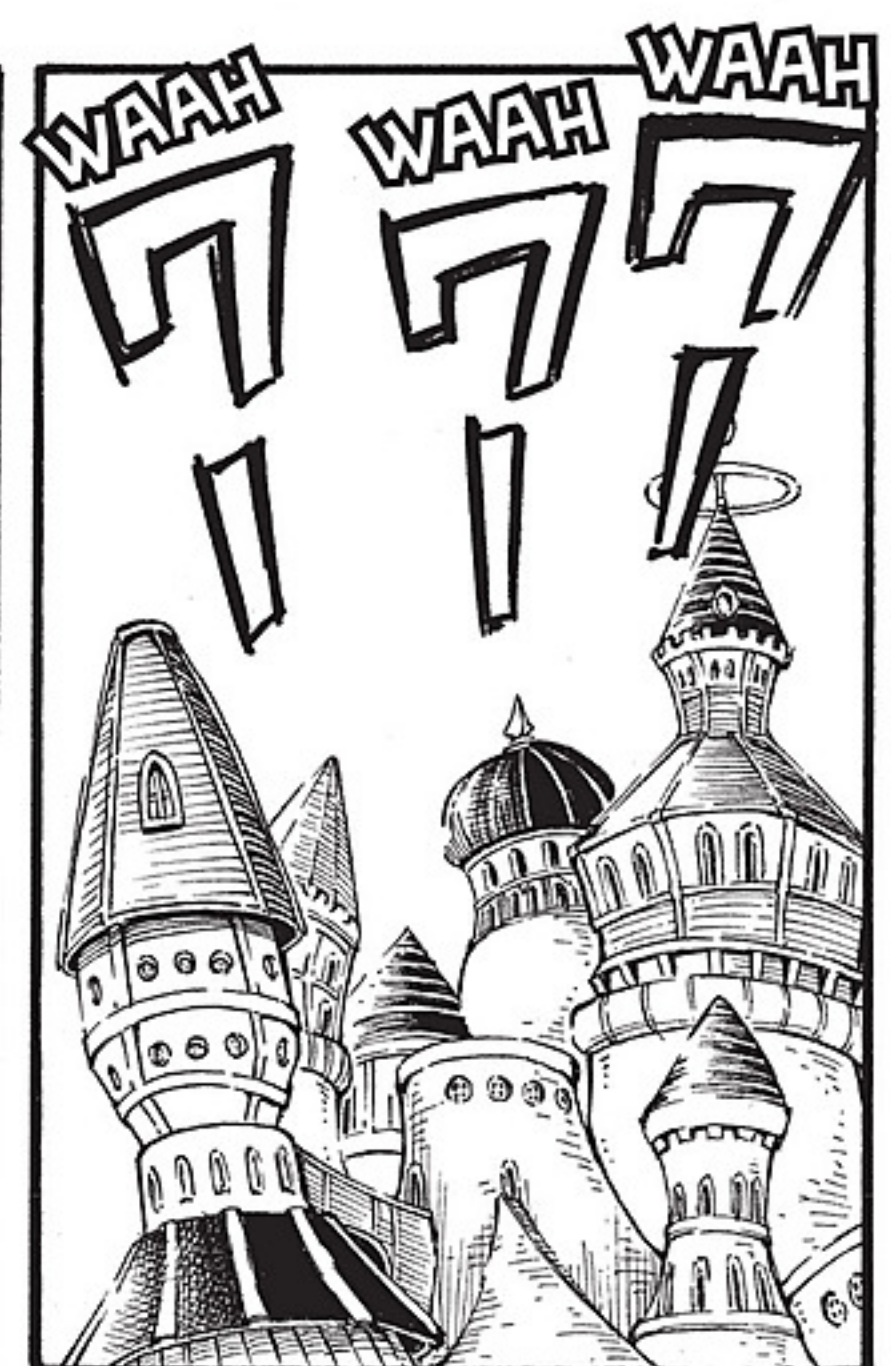
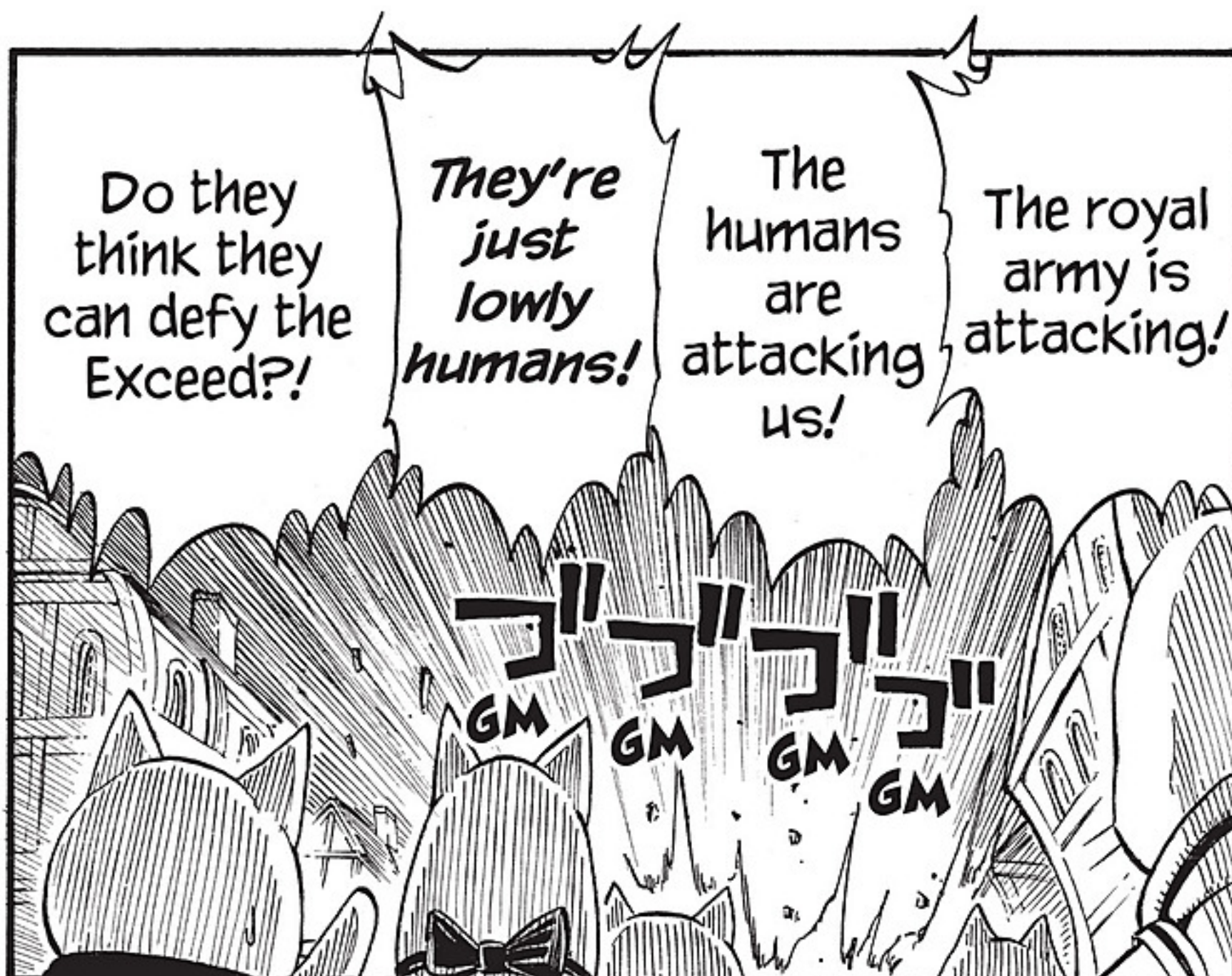


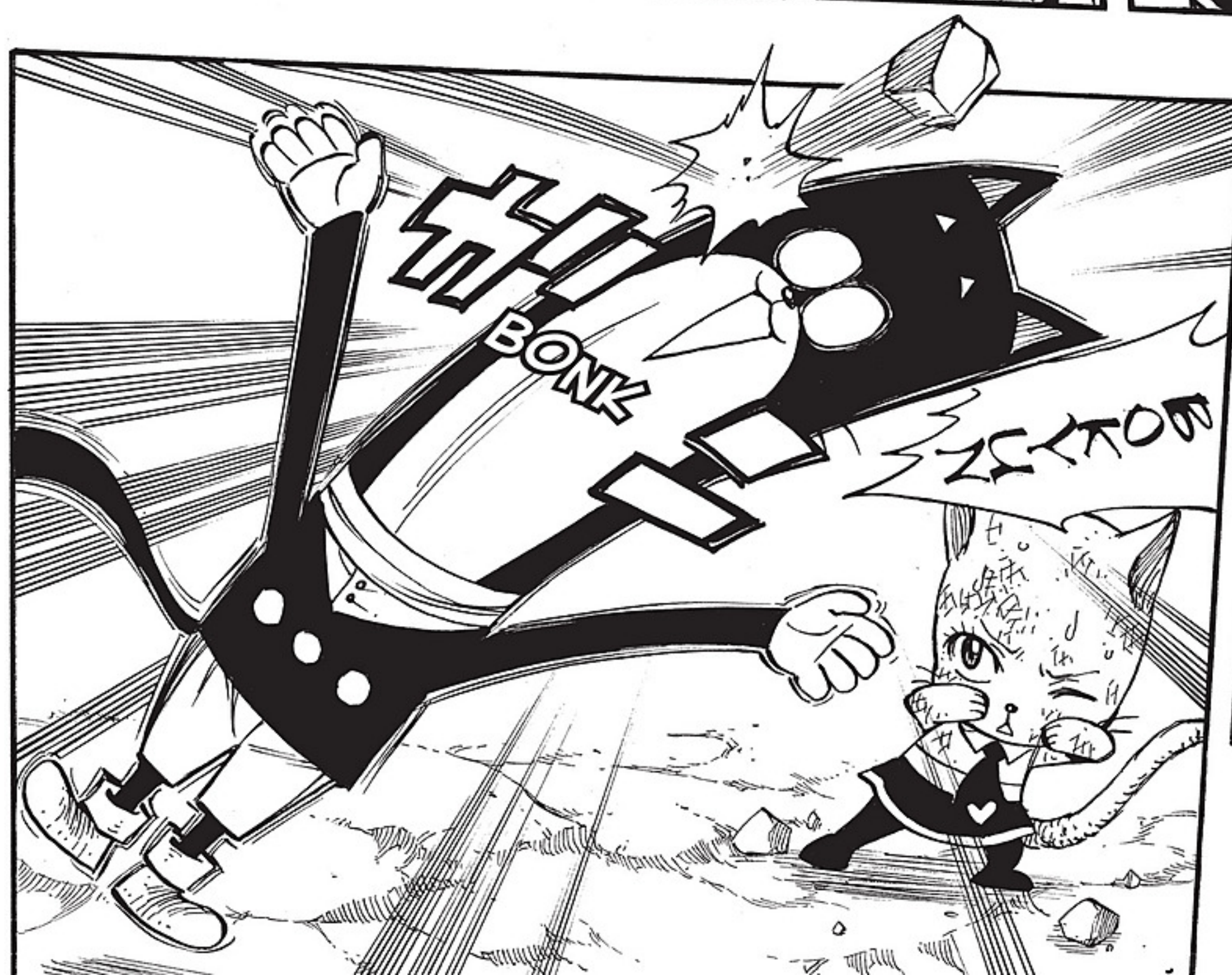
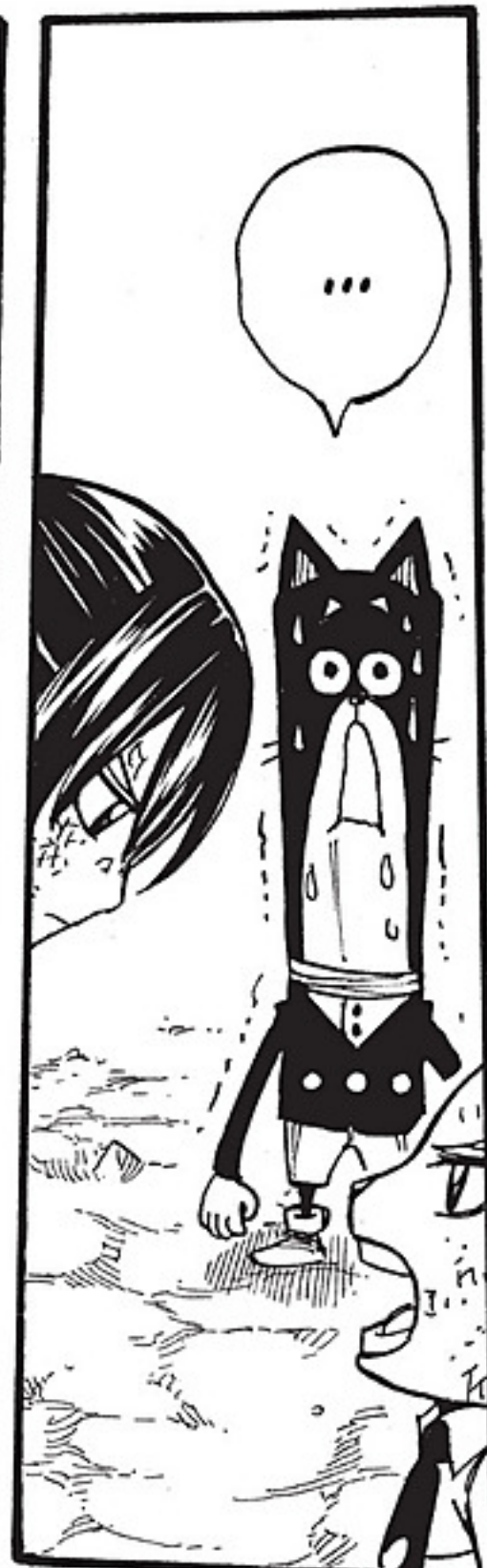
Stop it? Stop
it, you say?!
You mean the
enormous island
the Dragon Chain
is attached to?!

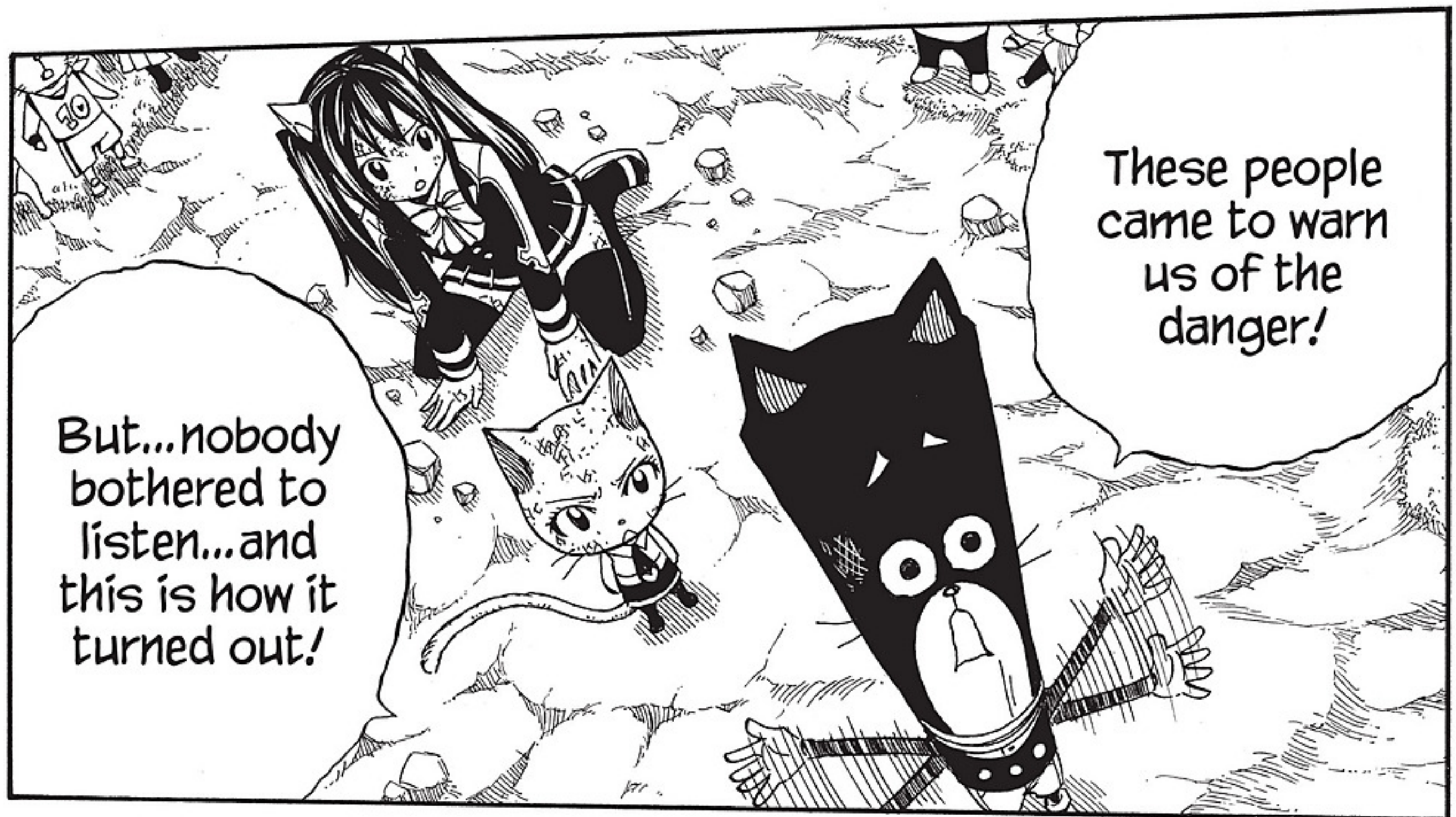
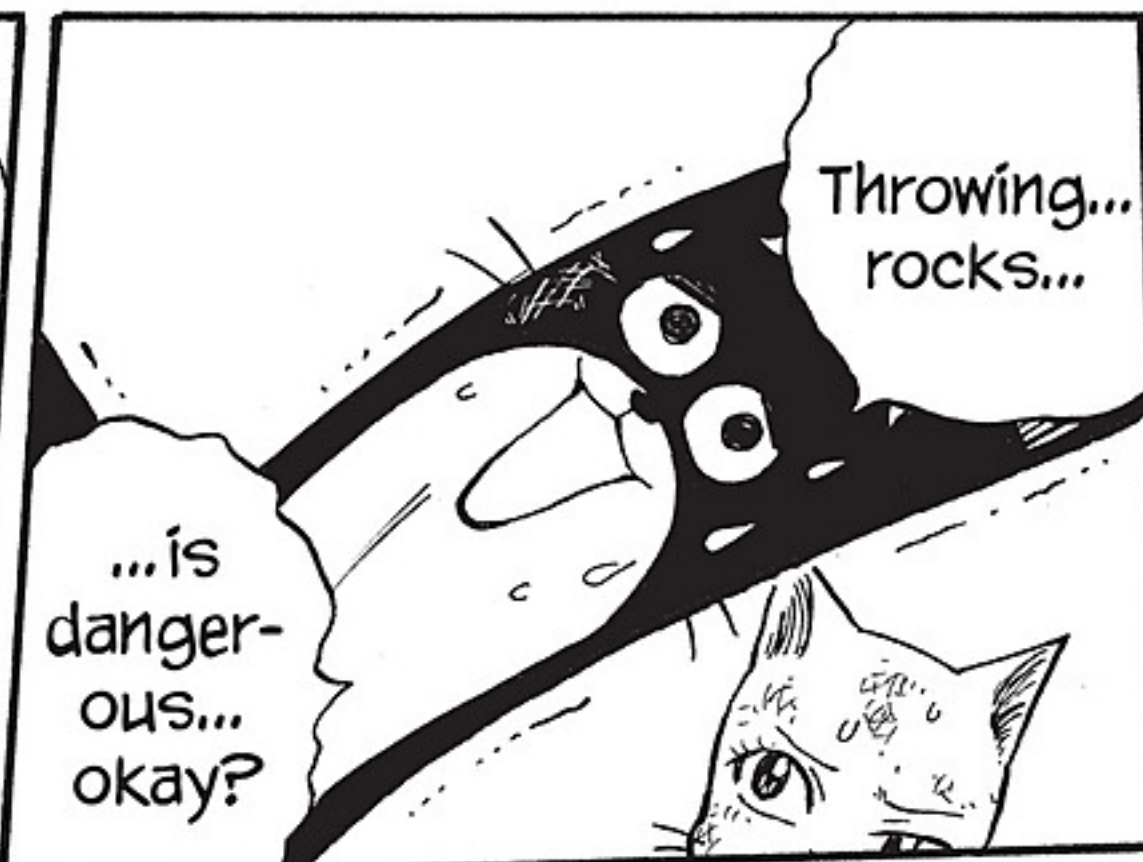
It's futile!!
There isn't any
future for us!!
There's nothing
left!!

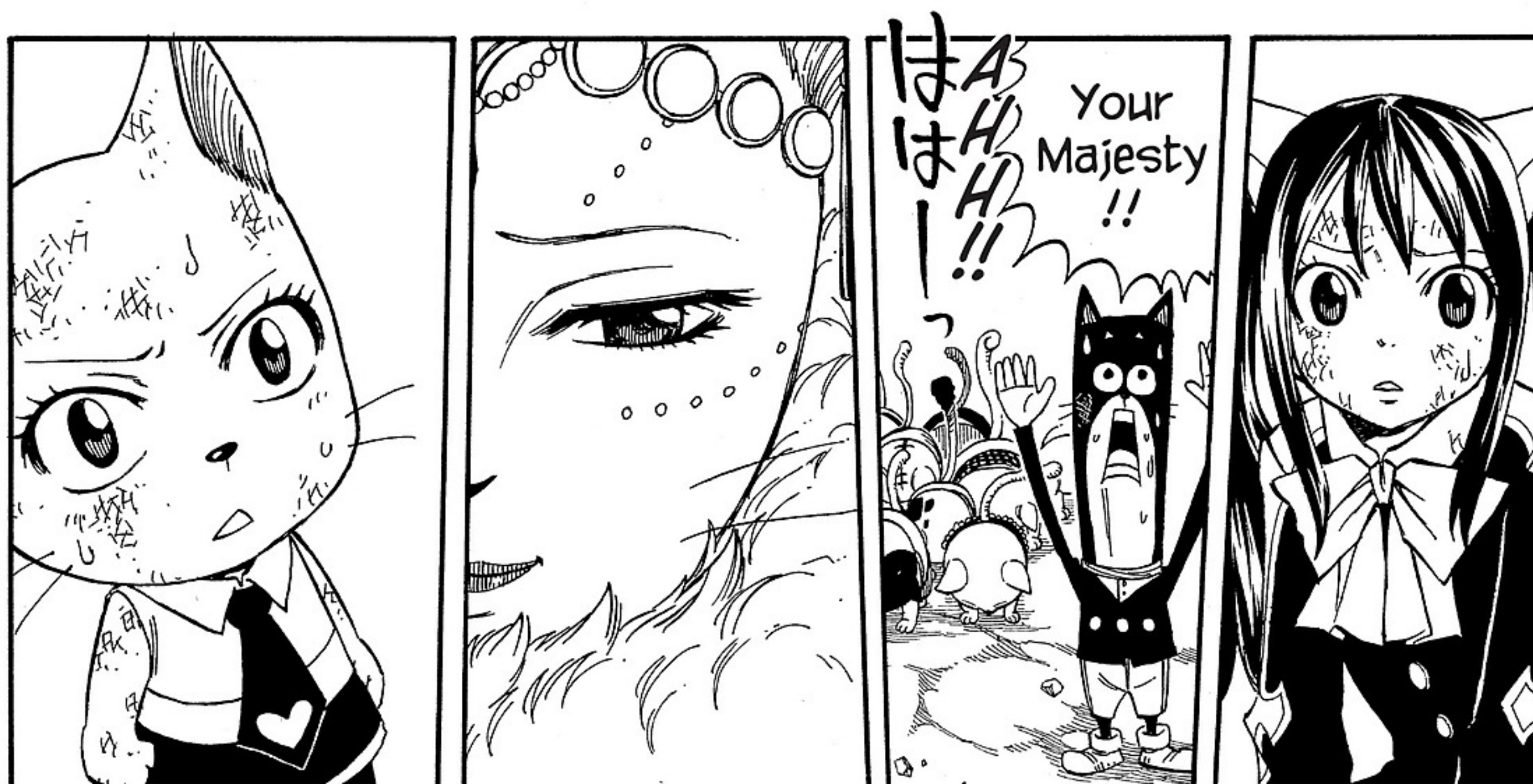








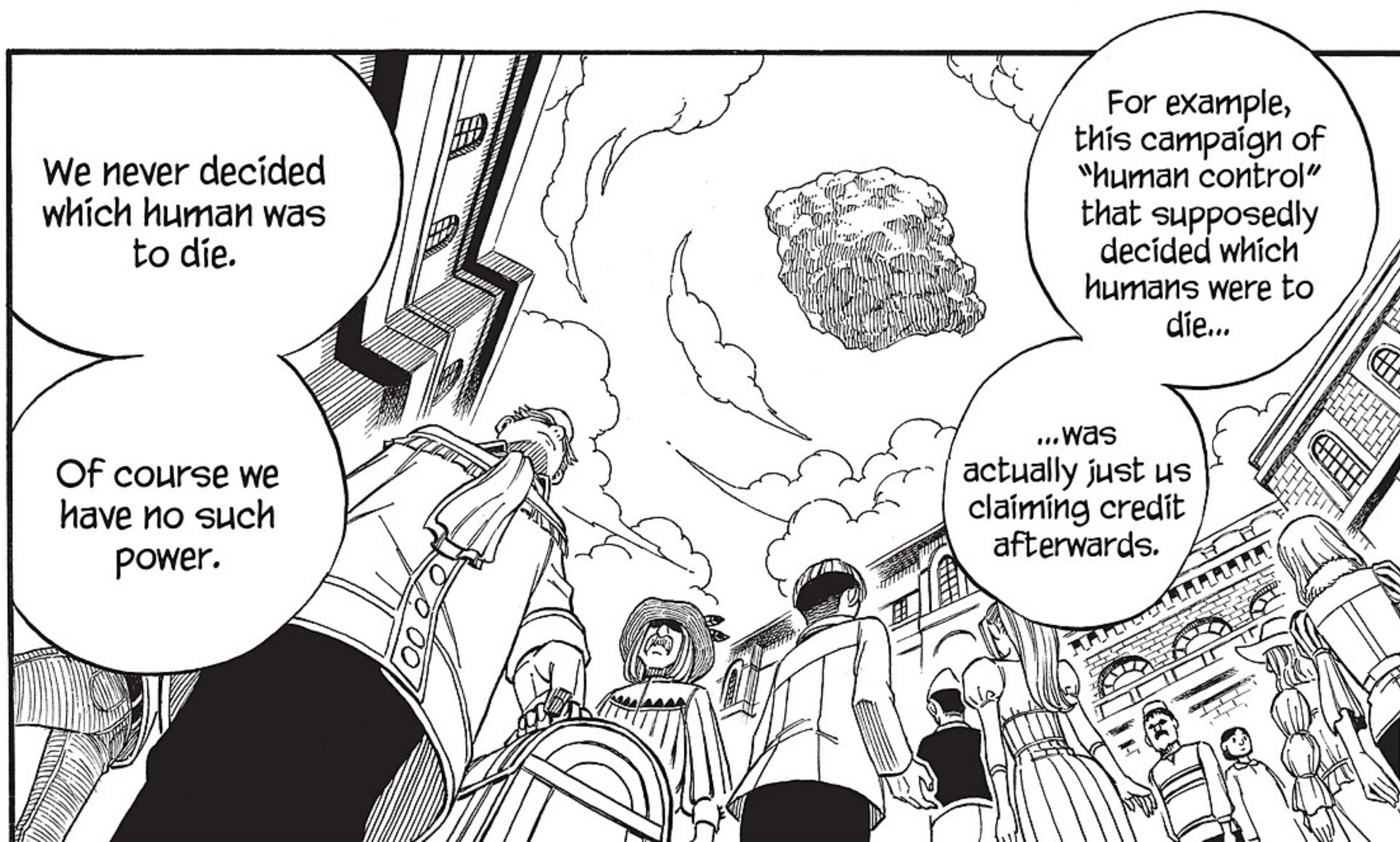
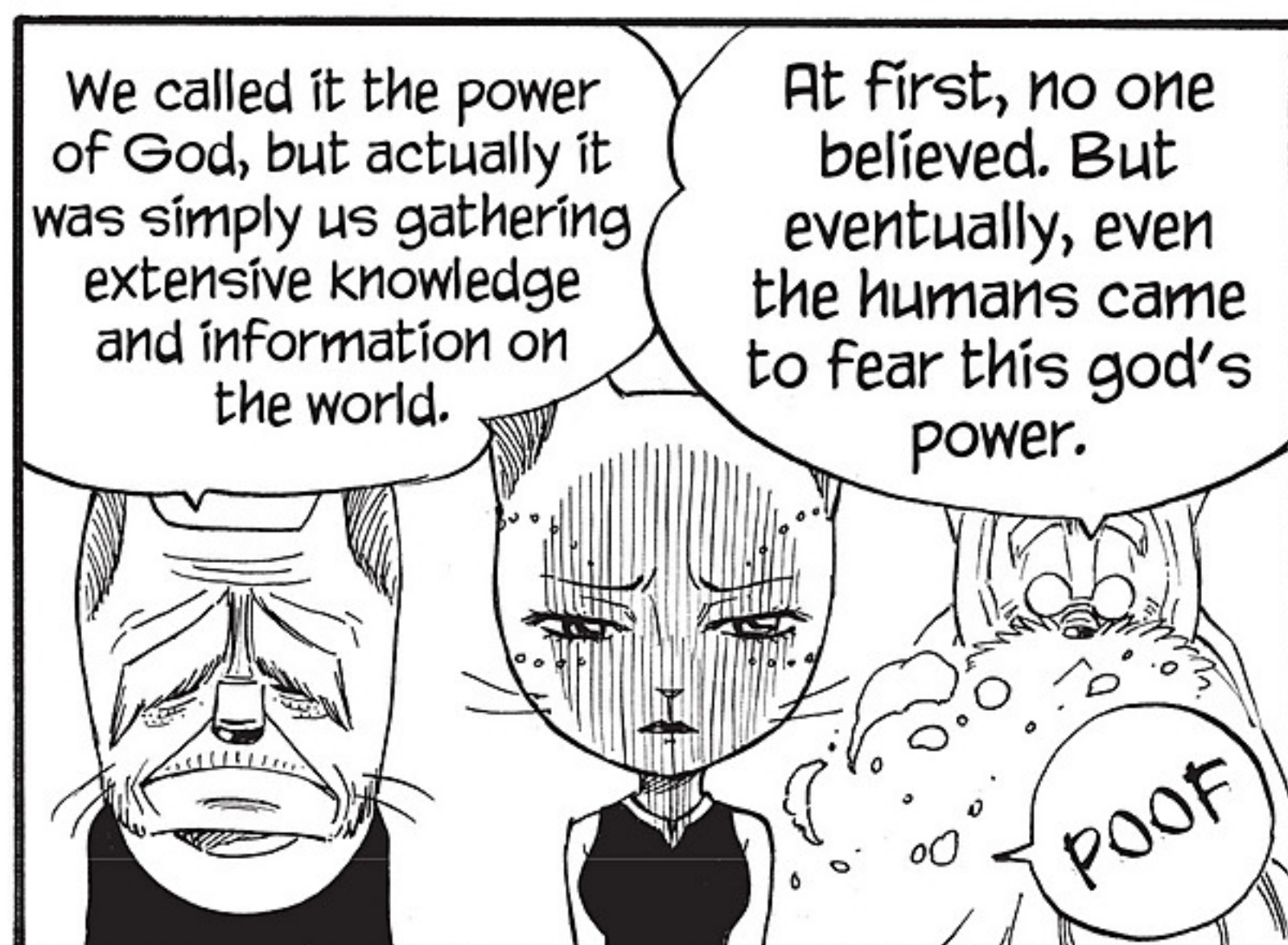
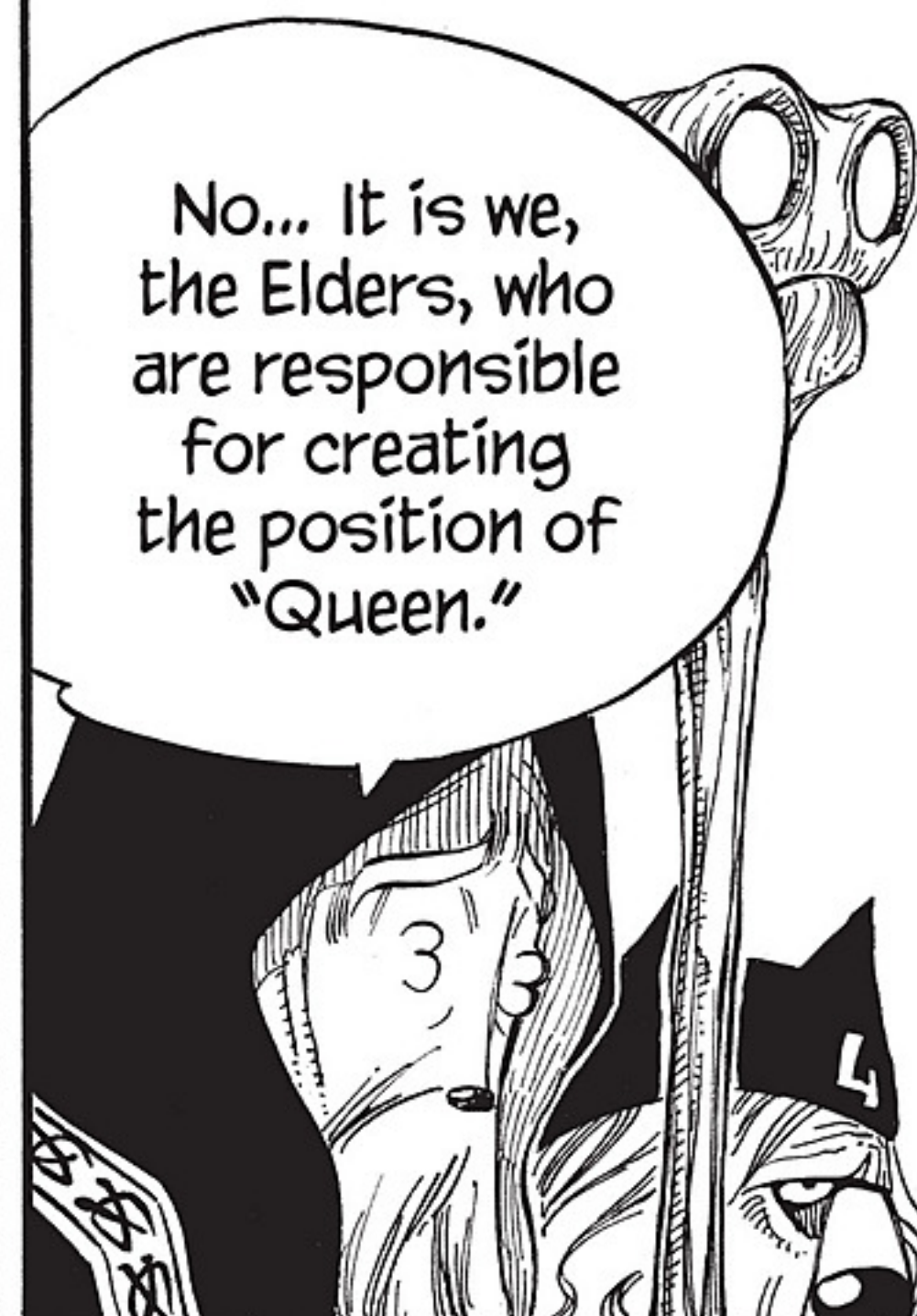
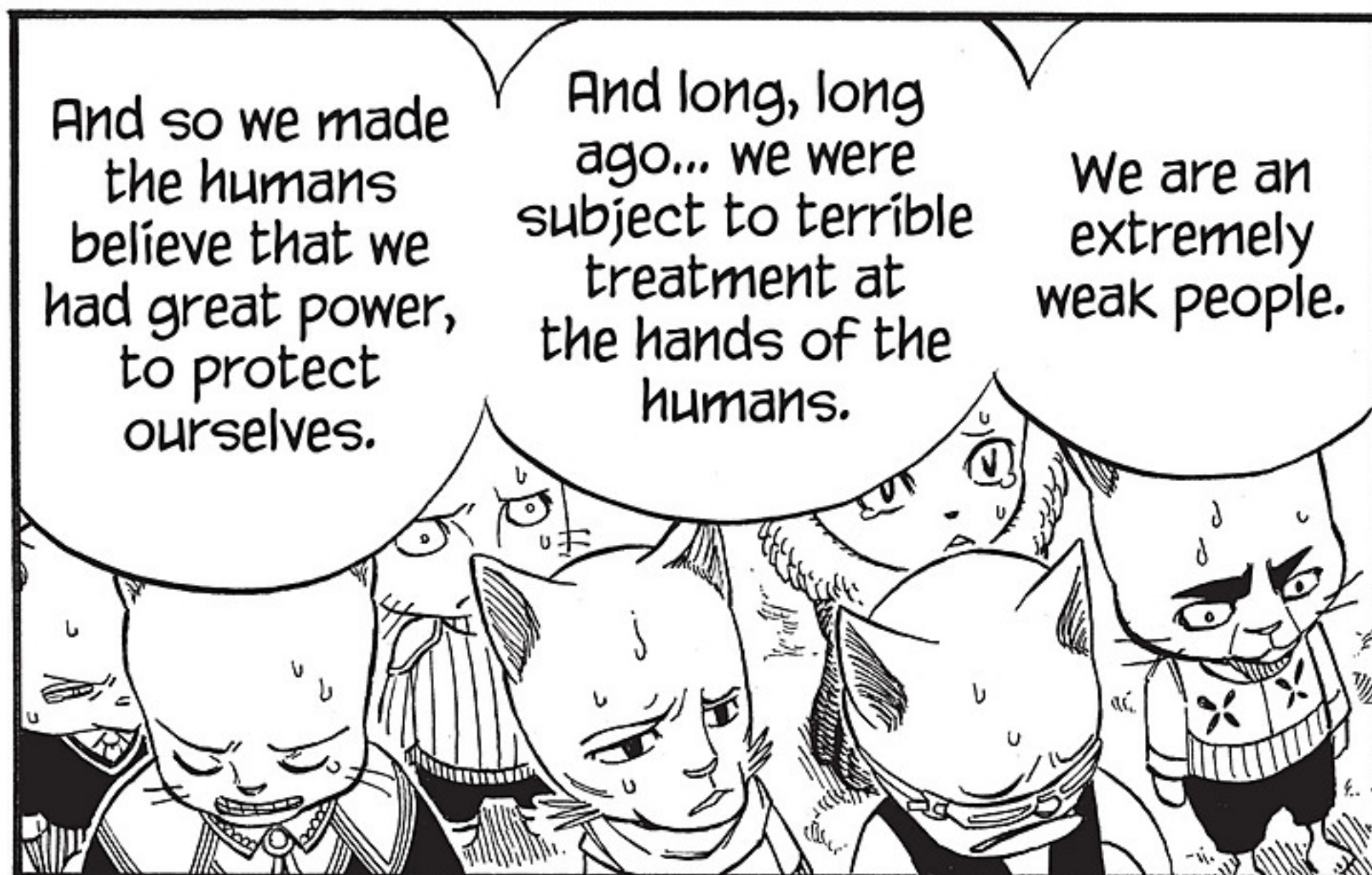


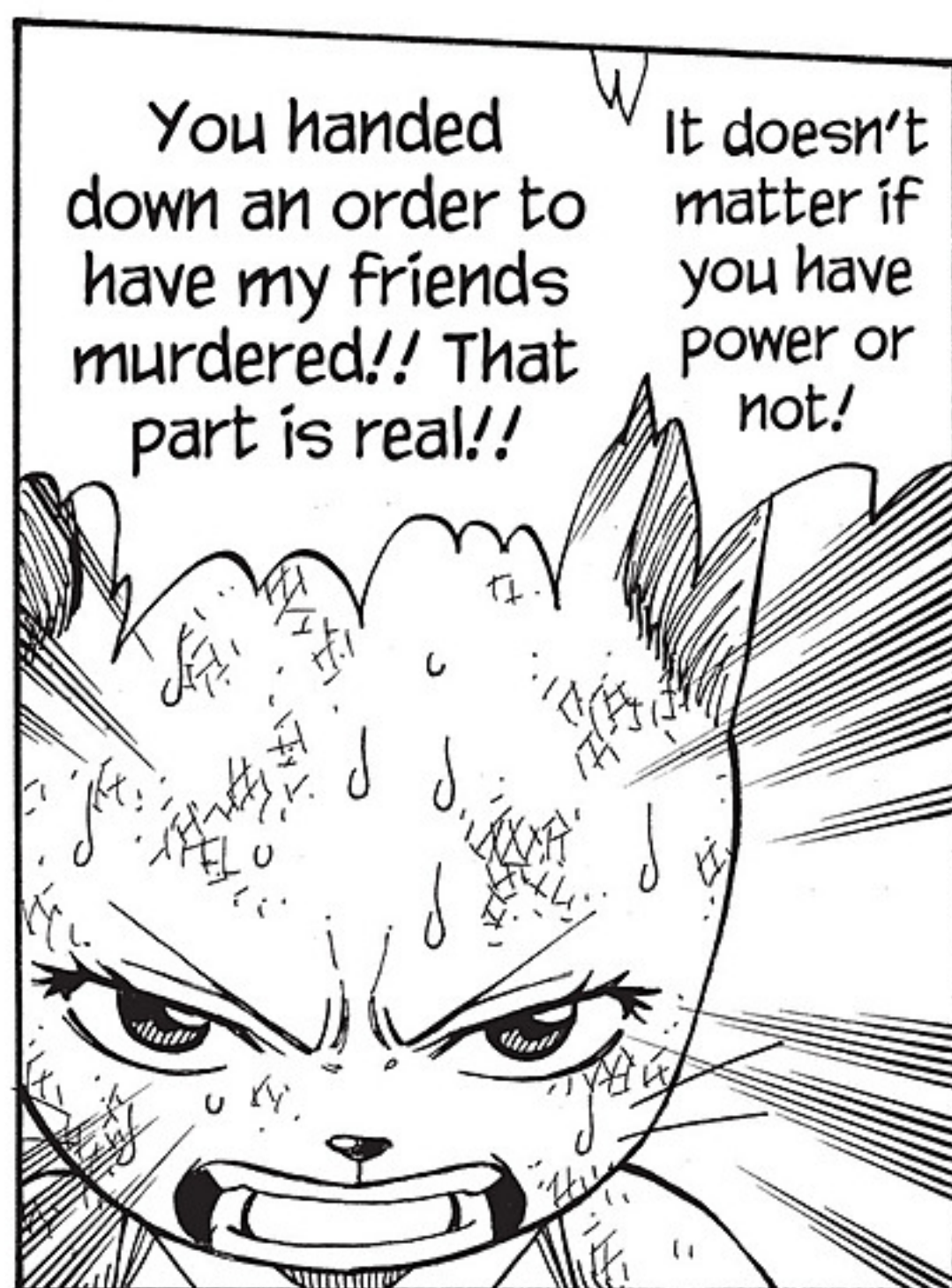
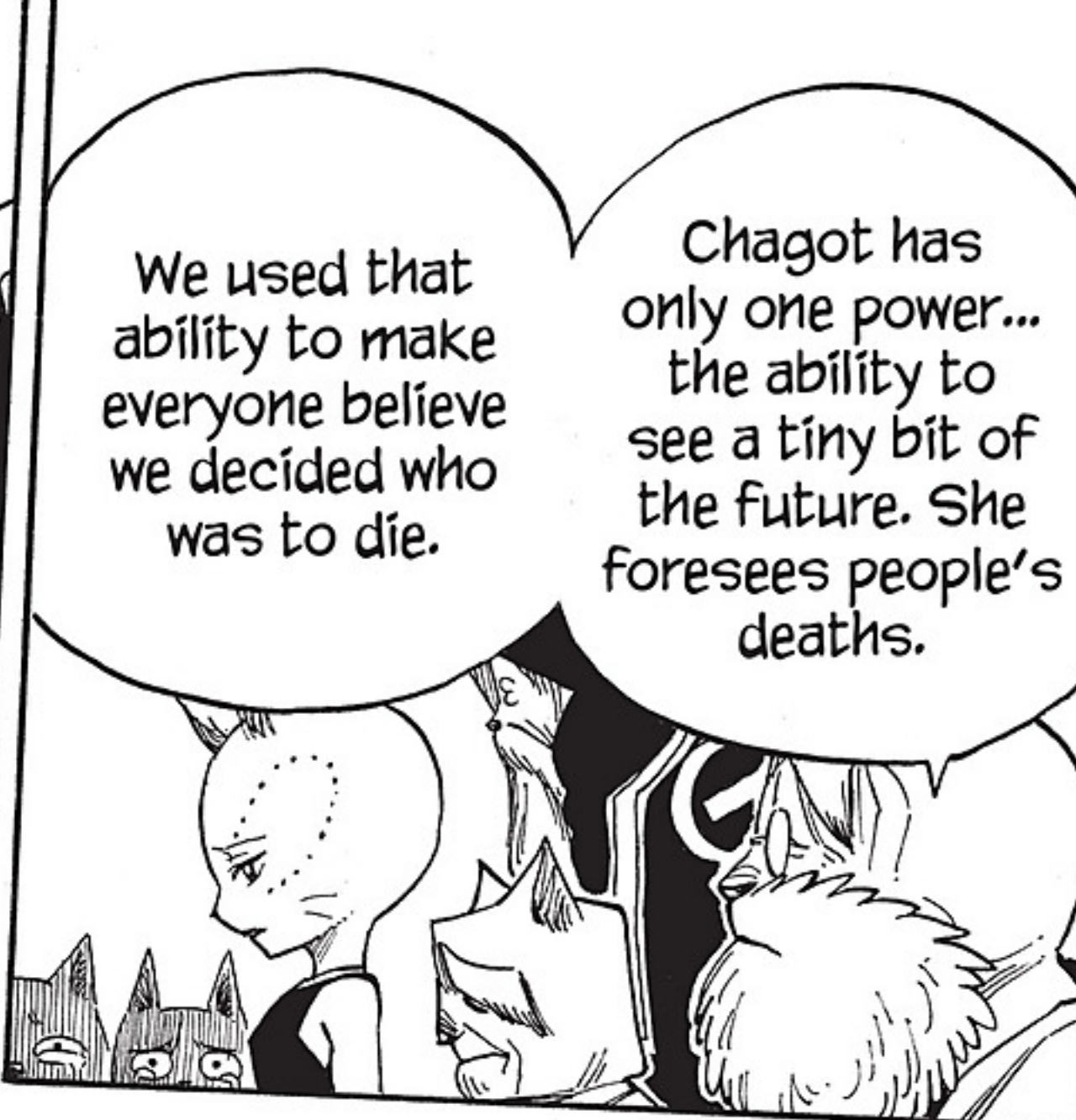














Carla, we can't get bogged down in that now.

I don't care about the circumstances. It's unforgivable!!!!

I-I-I-It wasn't like that!! It'd take too long to explain all the intricate circumstances....!!

That was...

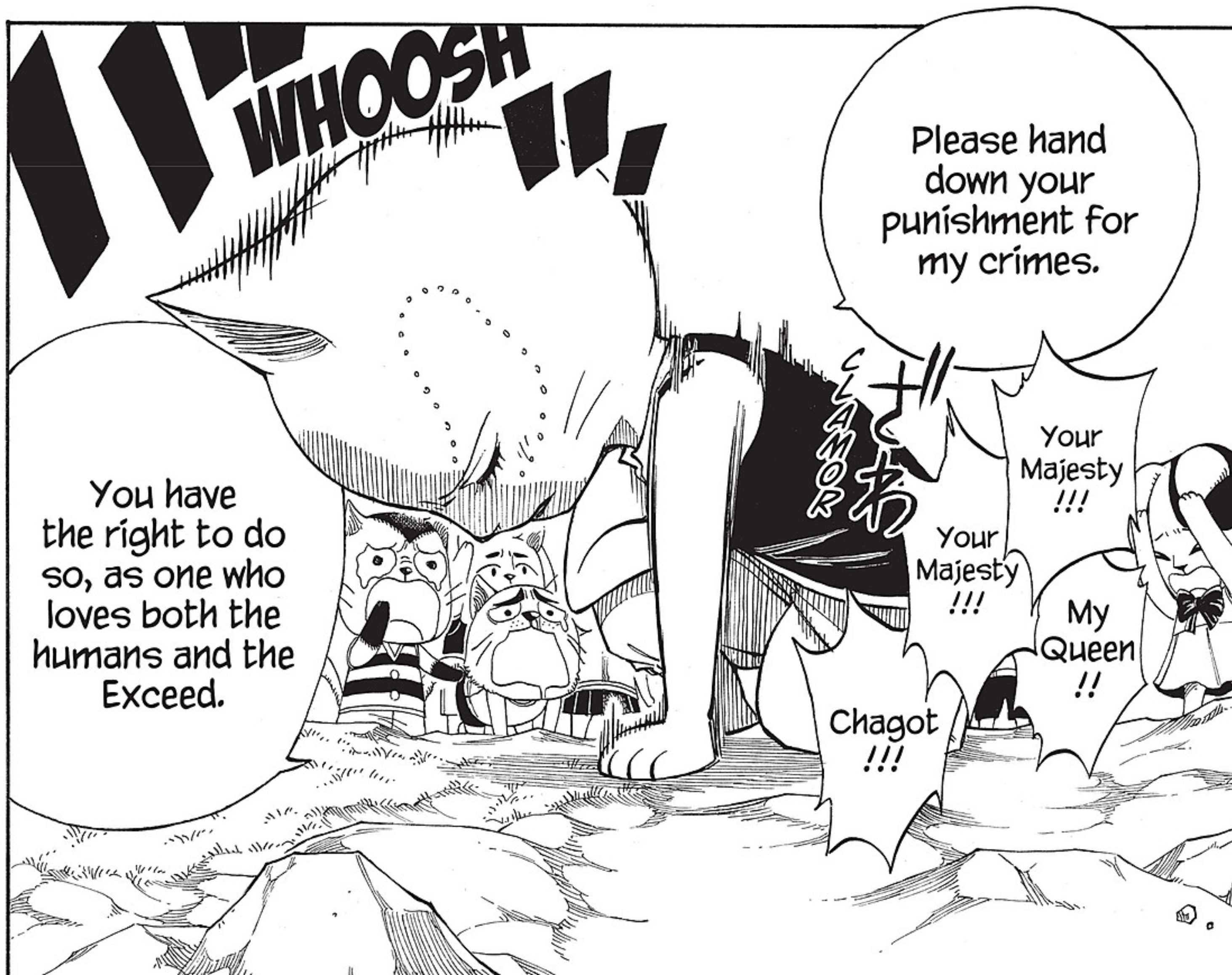


...and yet you have undergone the greatest suffering.

You are innocent...



What Carla says is correct.



You have the right to do so, as one who loves both the humans and the Exceed.

Please hand down your punishment for my crimes.

Your Majesty !!!

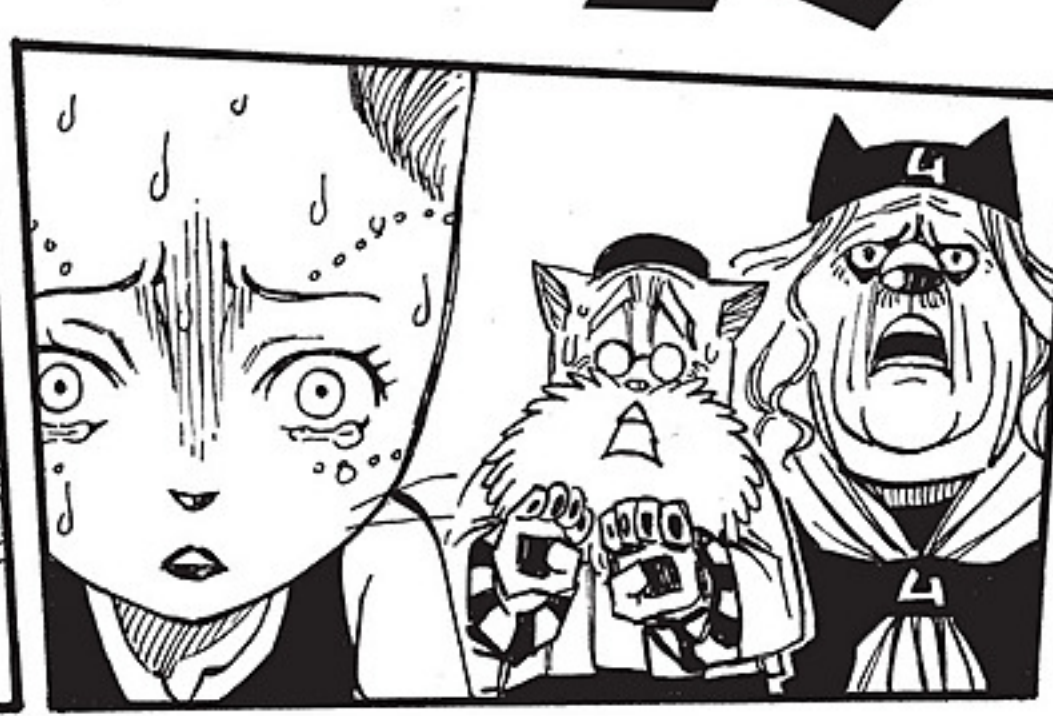
Your Majesty !!!

My Queen !!

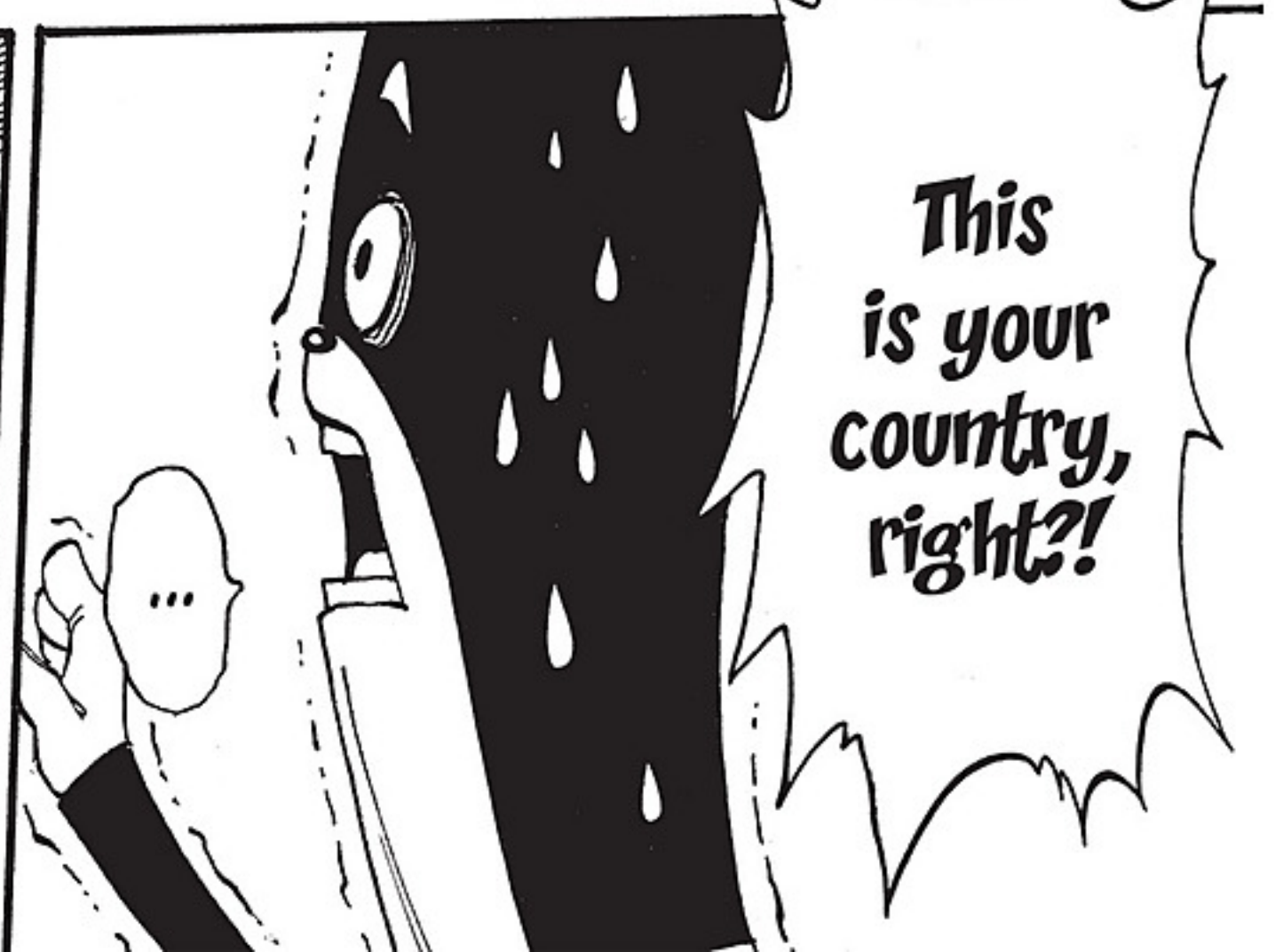
Chagot !!!



**Don't
give up
just like
that!!!!**



**Do you
mean to say
that you're
helpless
without a
queen or a
god?!**

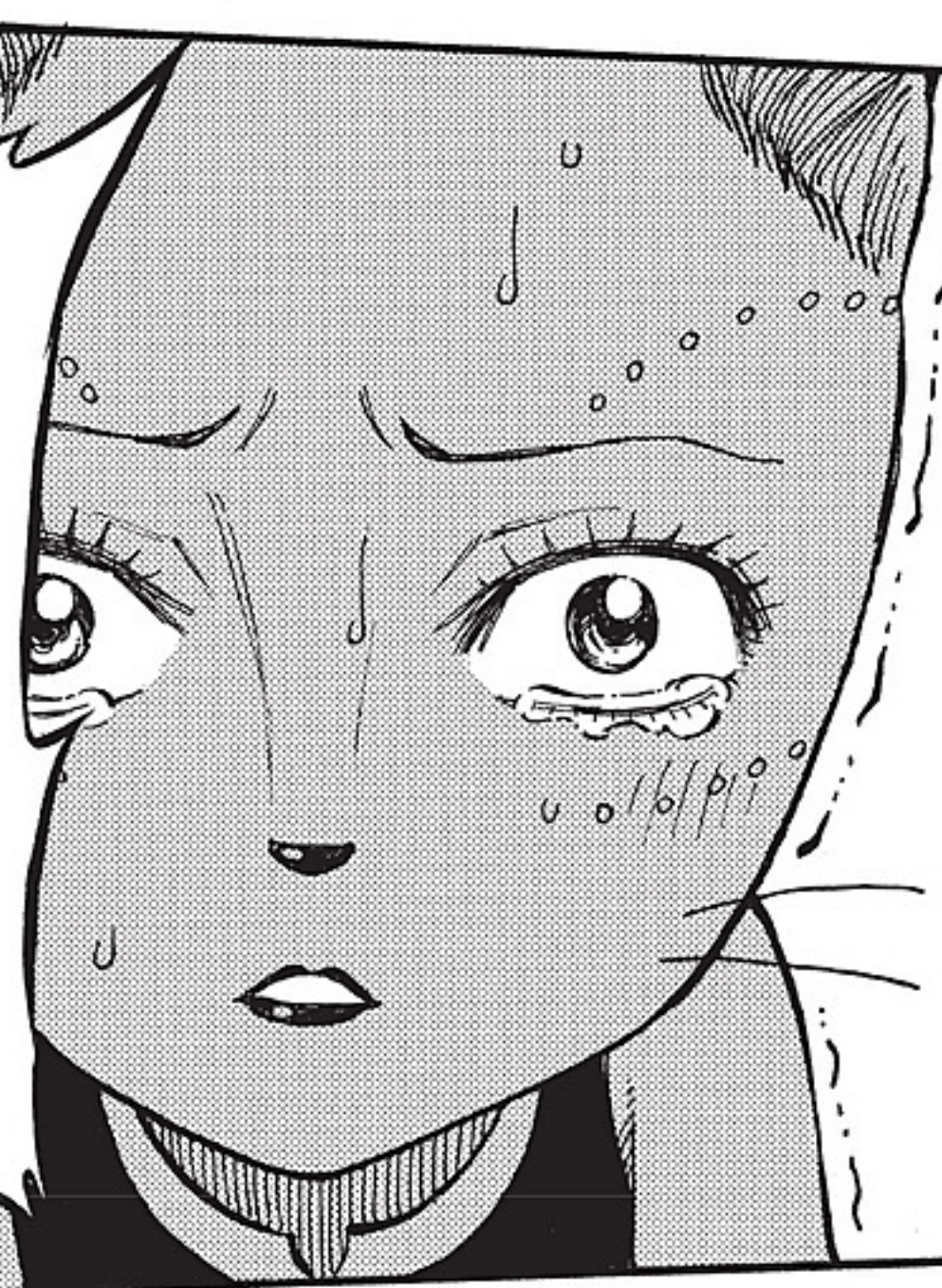


**This
is your
country,
right?!**



**So why
are you
giving up
so easily
now?!**

**Even though
you told those
lies, you were
struggling as
hard as you
could to stay
alive, right?!**



**This
country
won't be
destroyed
!!!!**

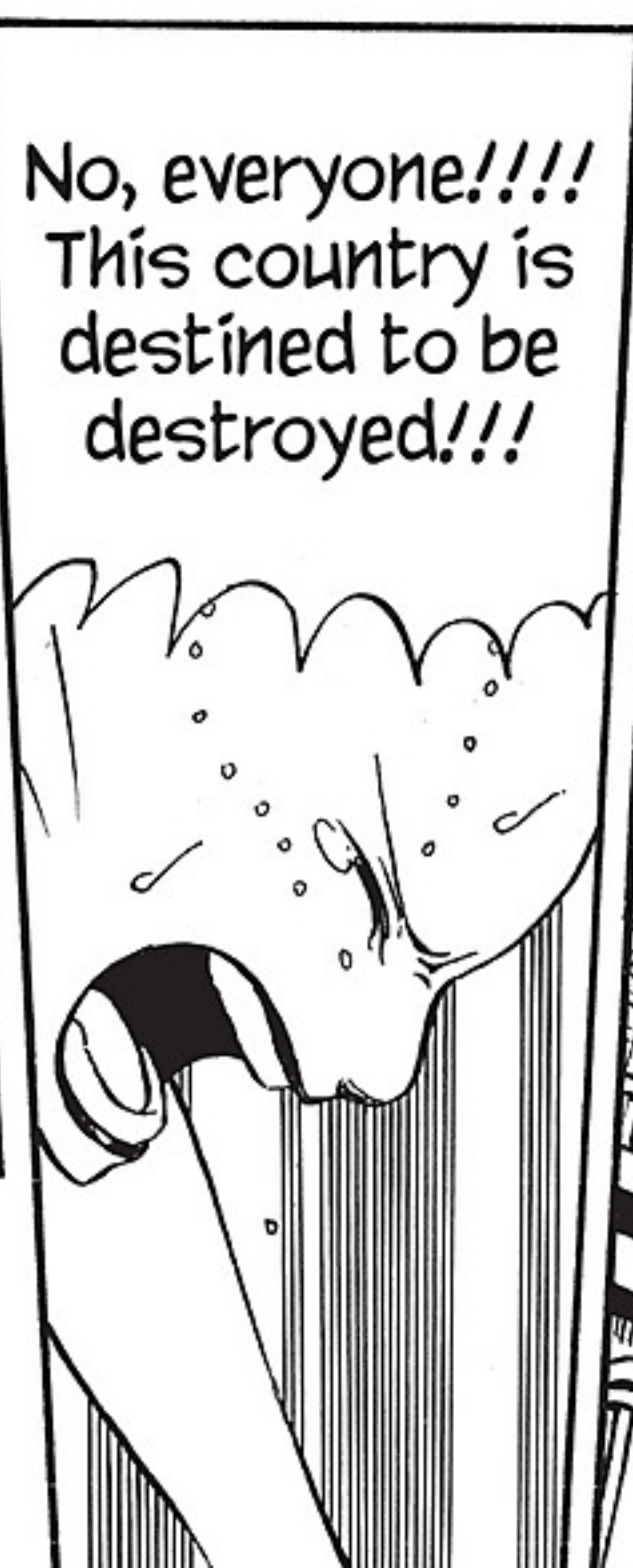
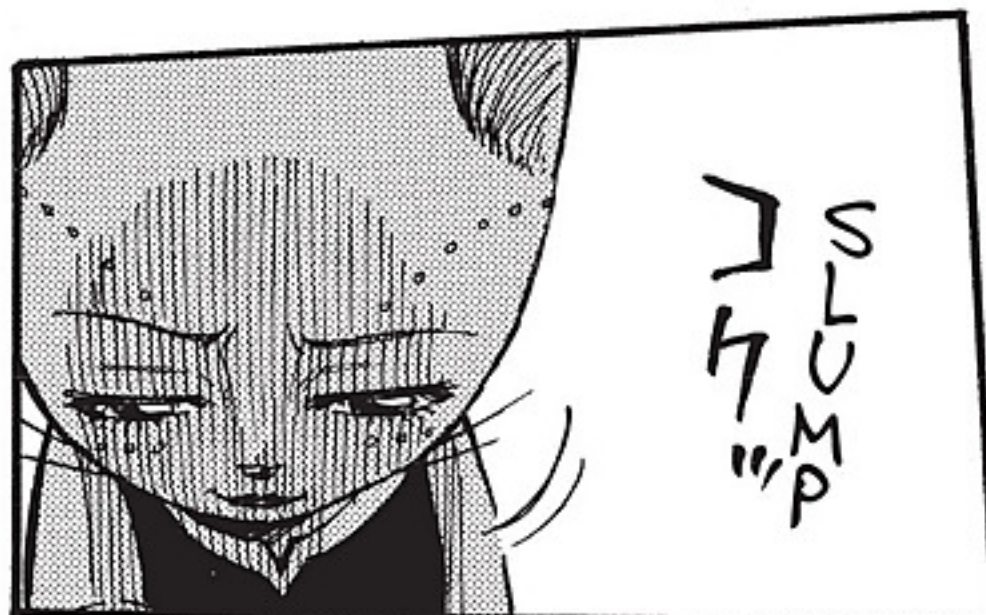
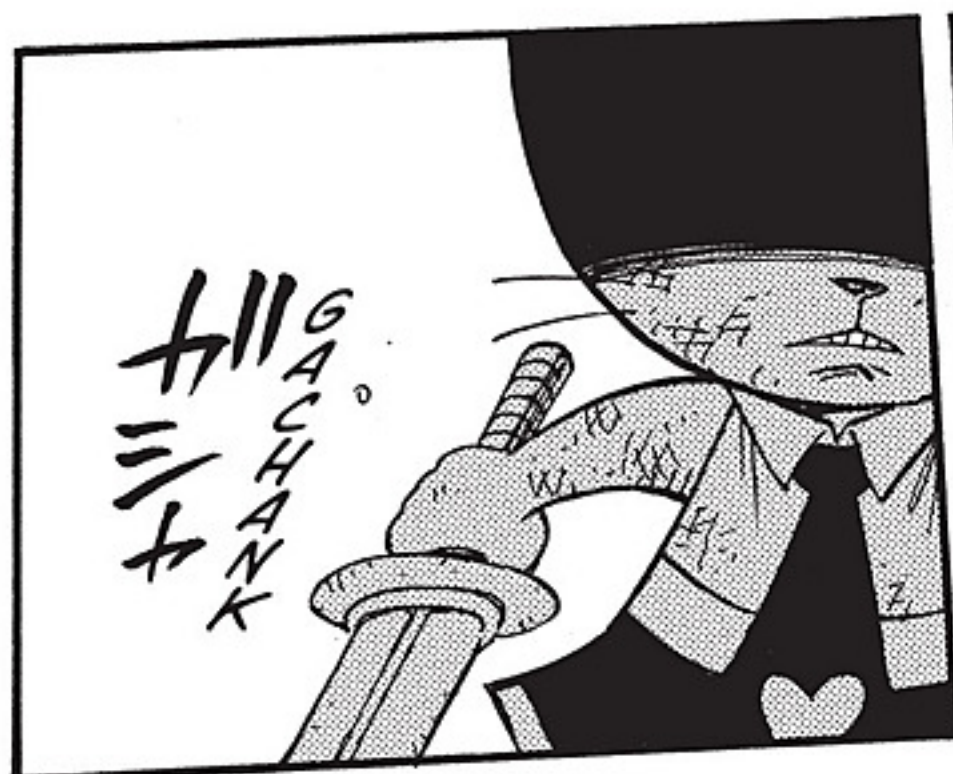
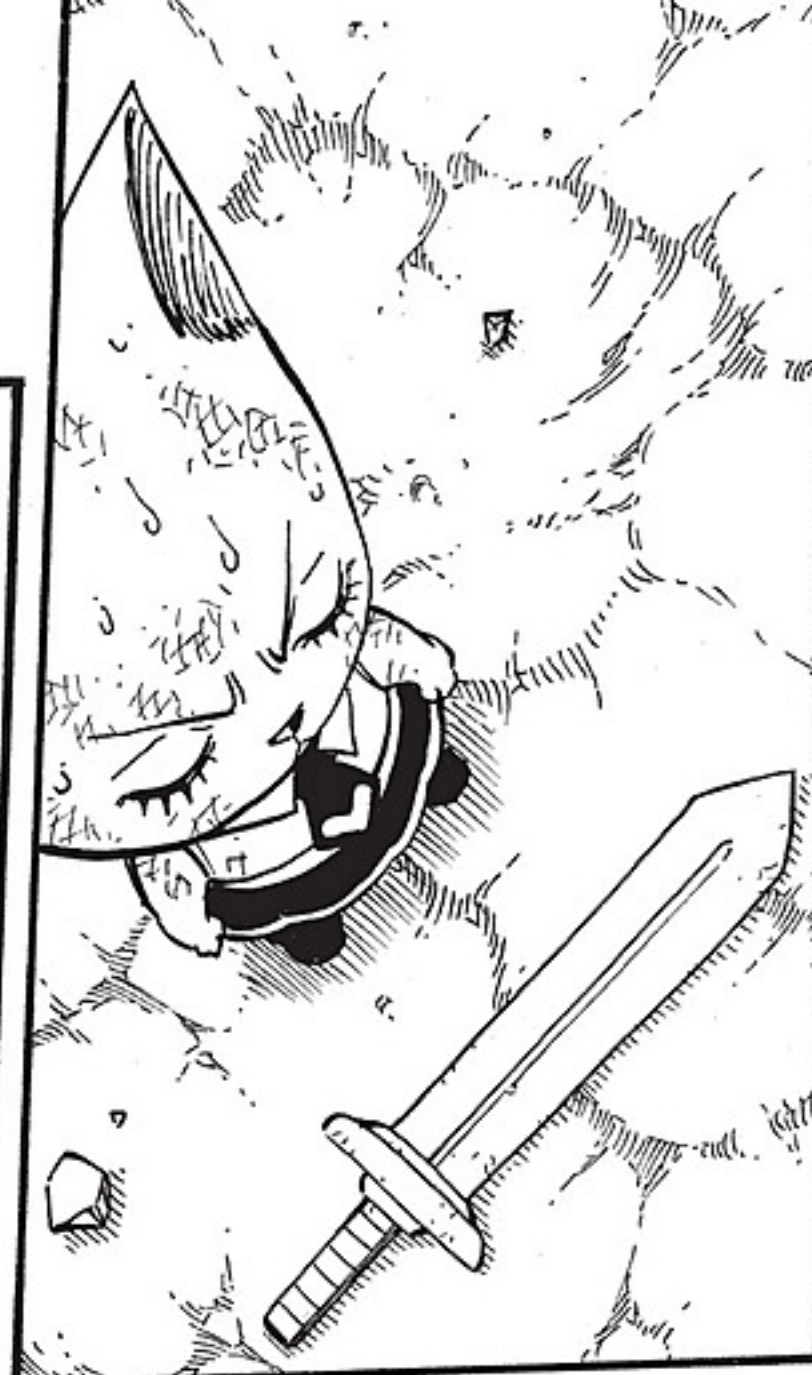
**Who cares
if you're
weak?!**

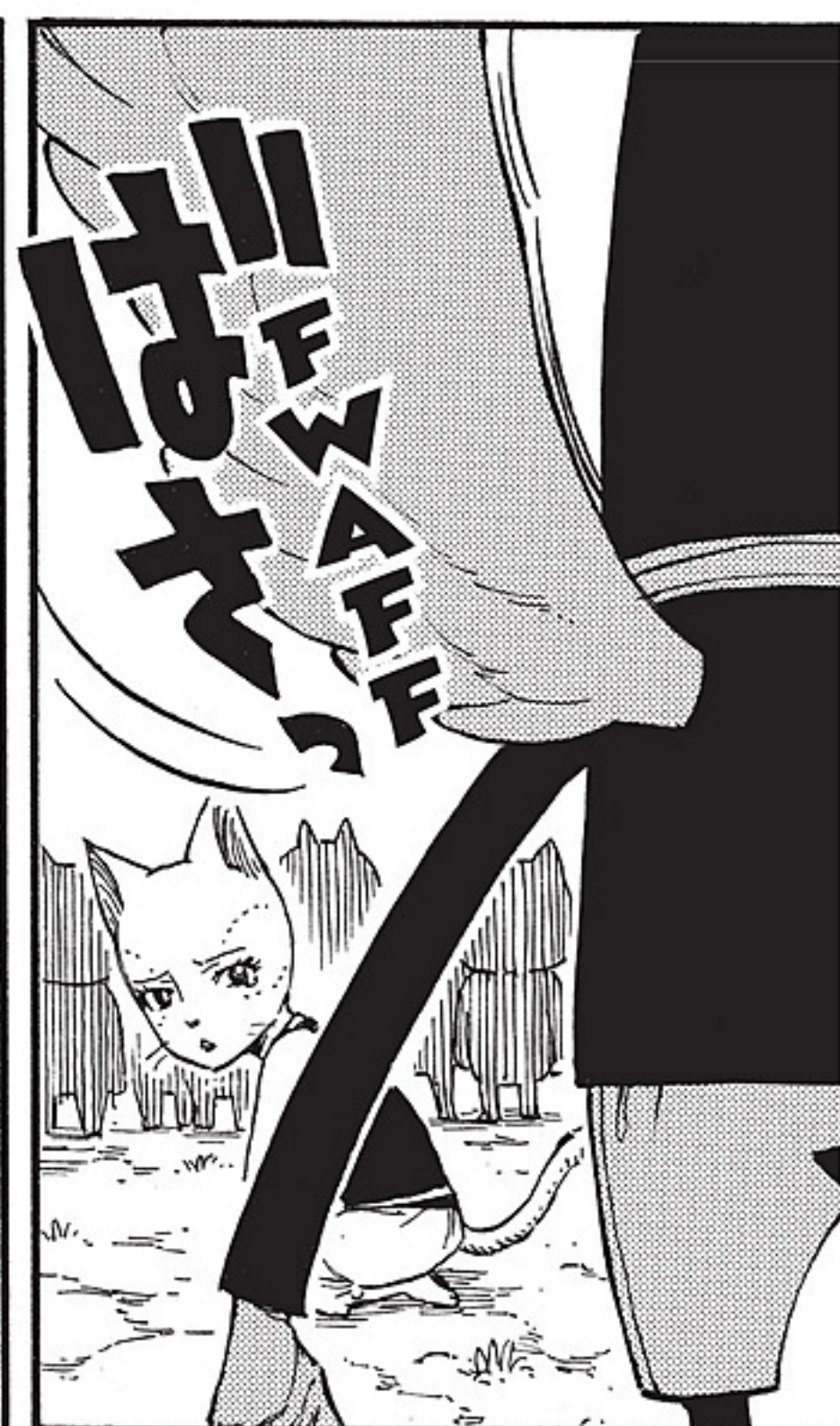
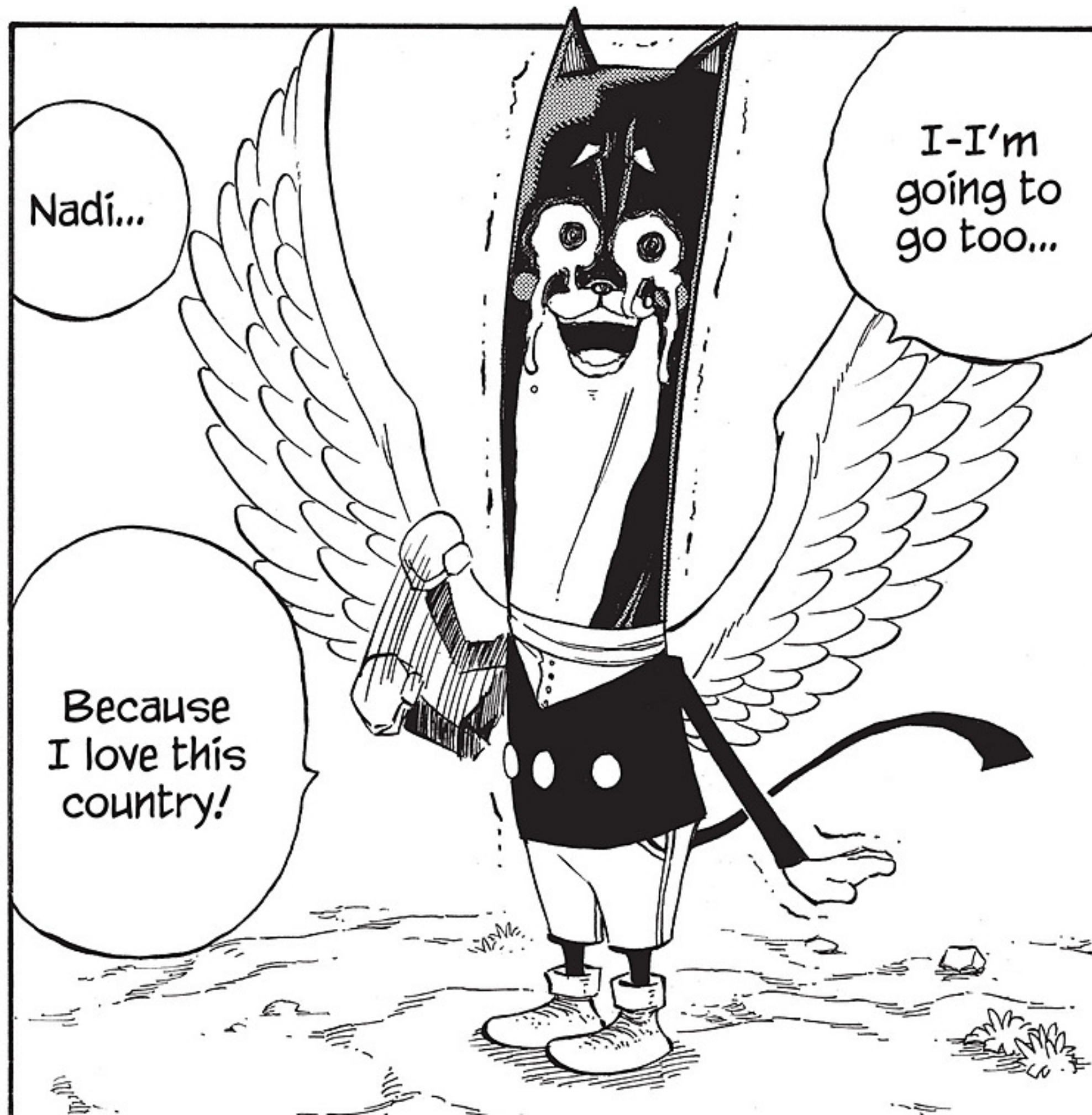
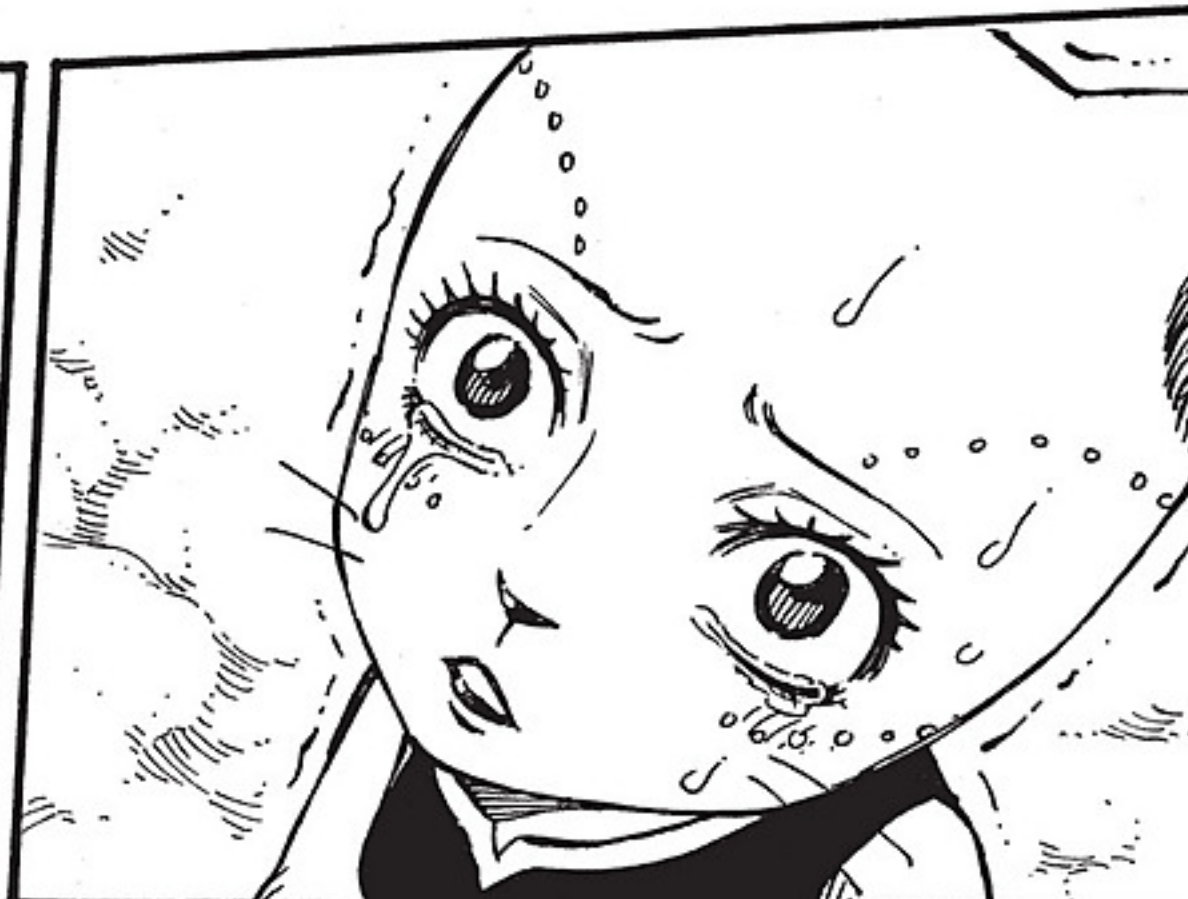
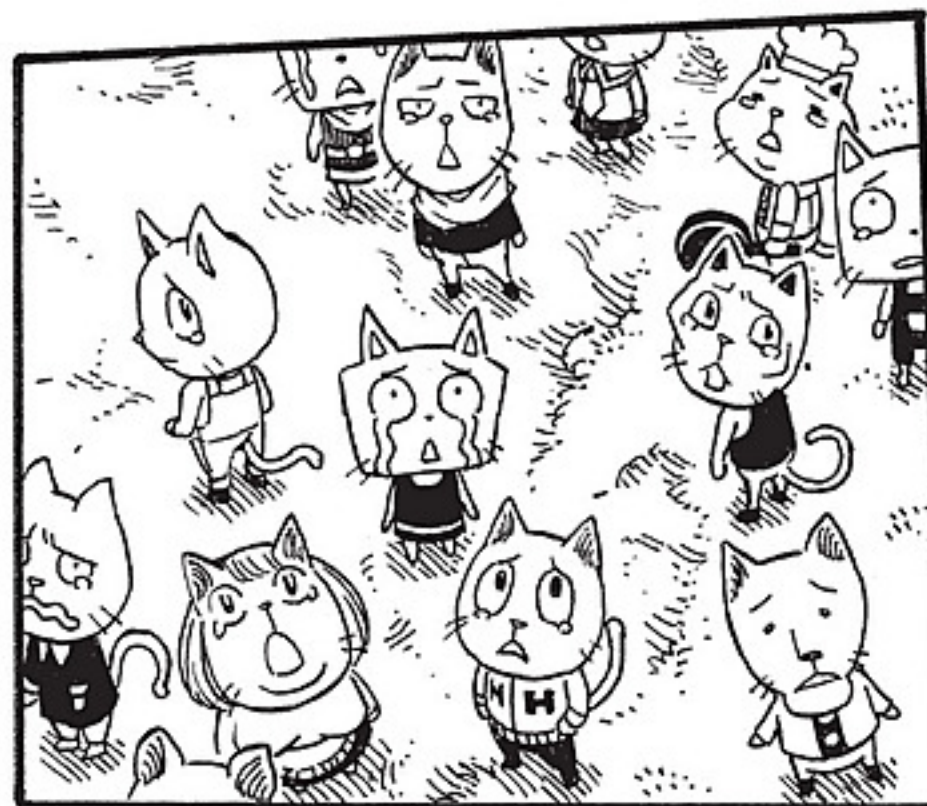
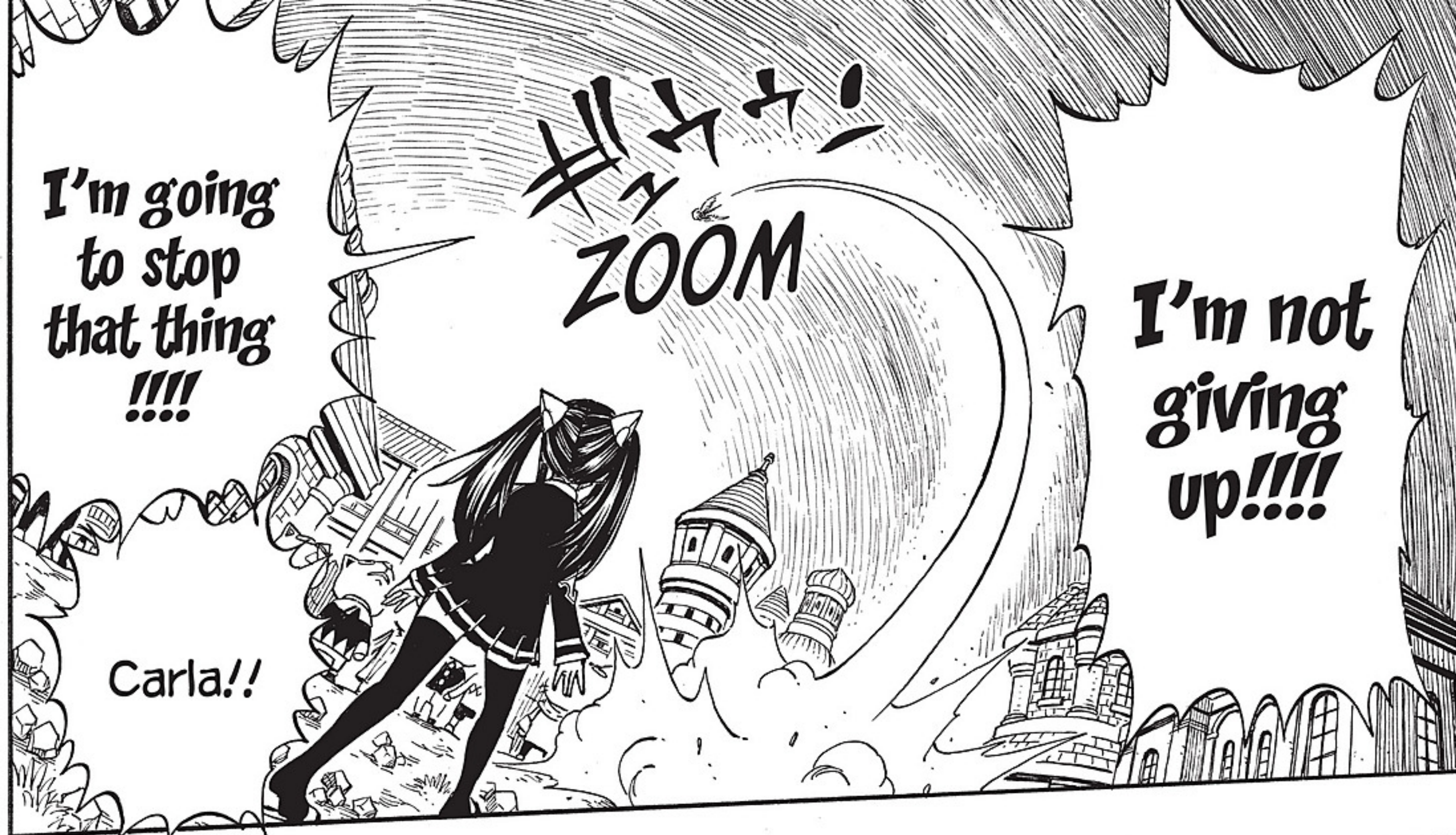
**You can do
anything if
you combine
your strength
!!!!**



**I can't
let it
disappear
!!!!**

**It's my
home-
land
!!!!**

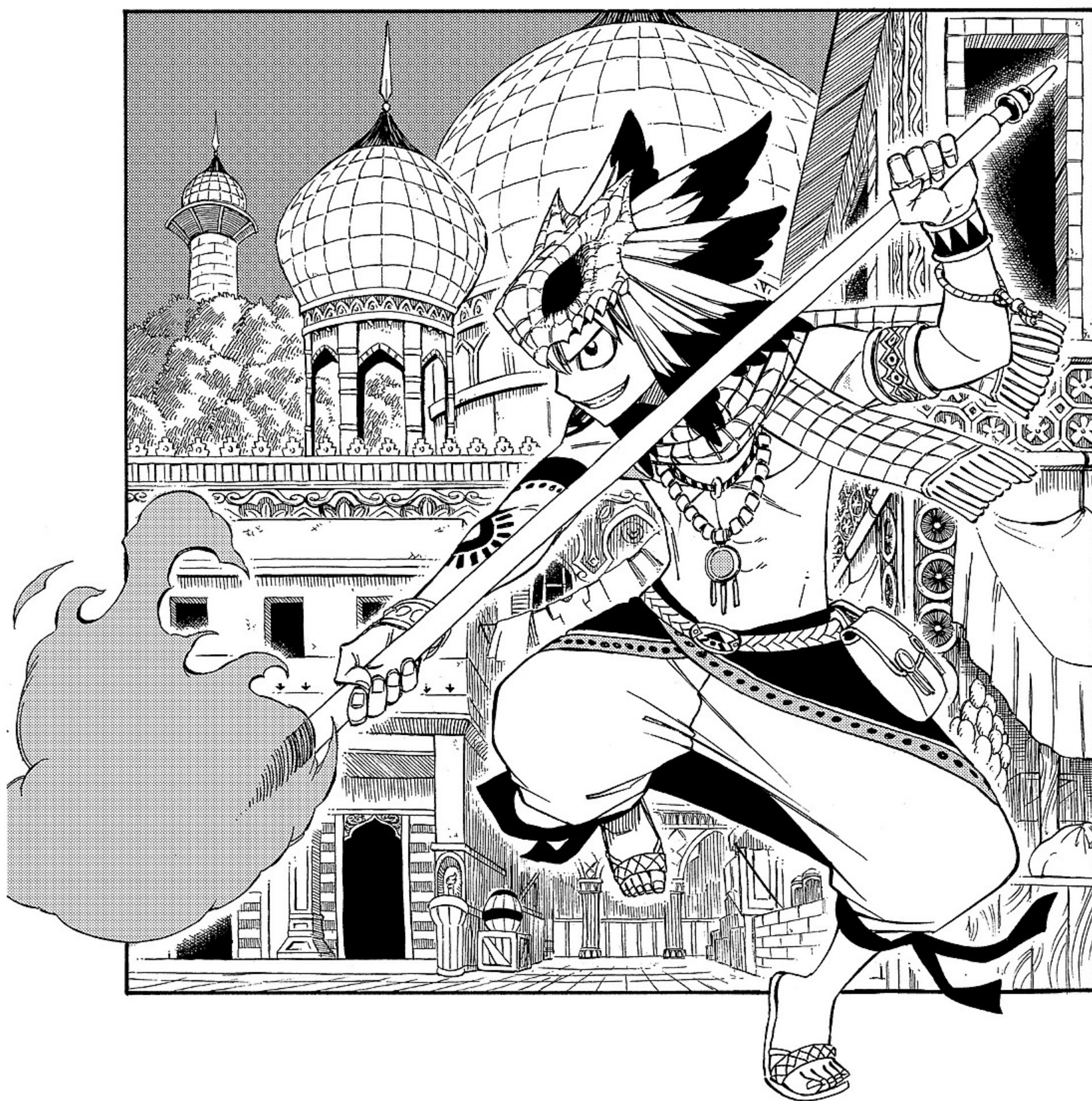


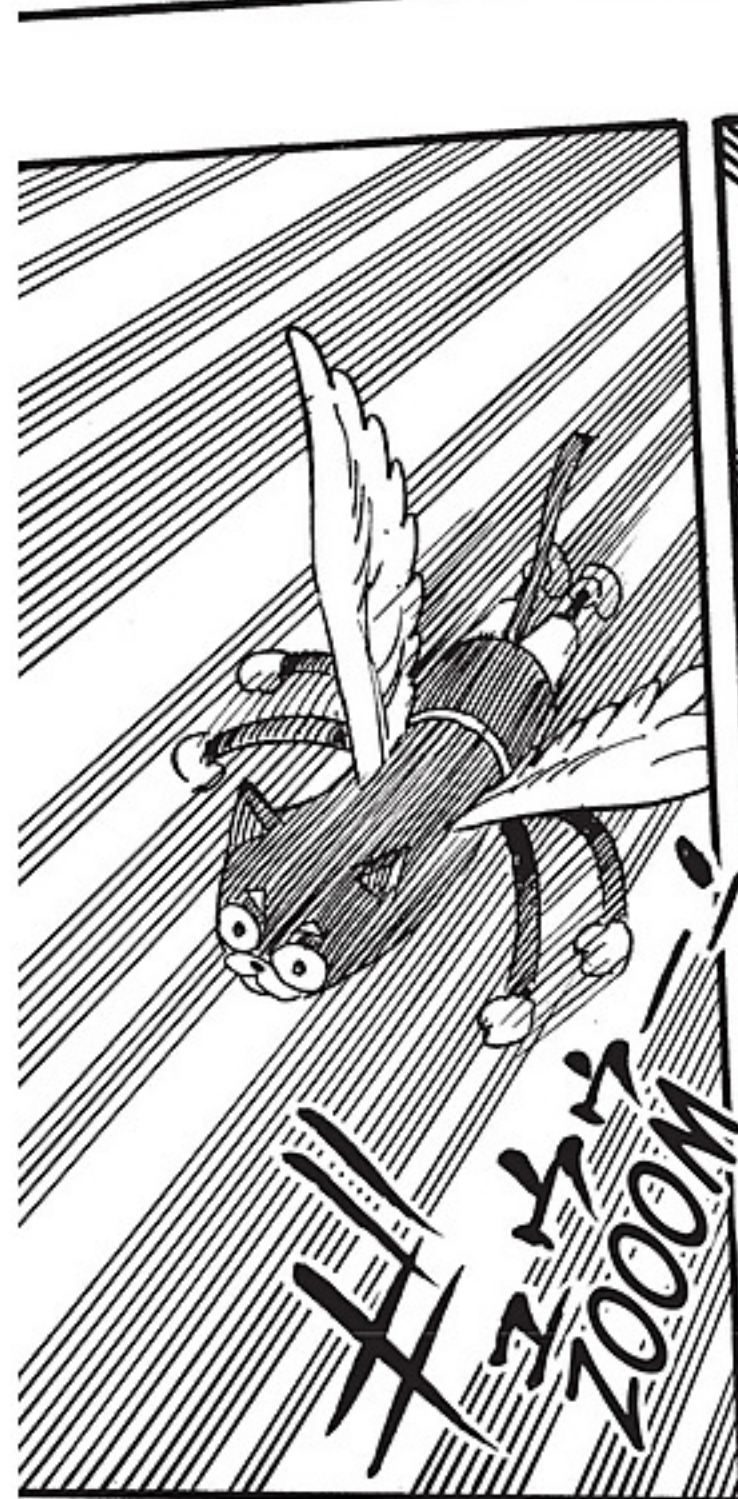
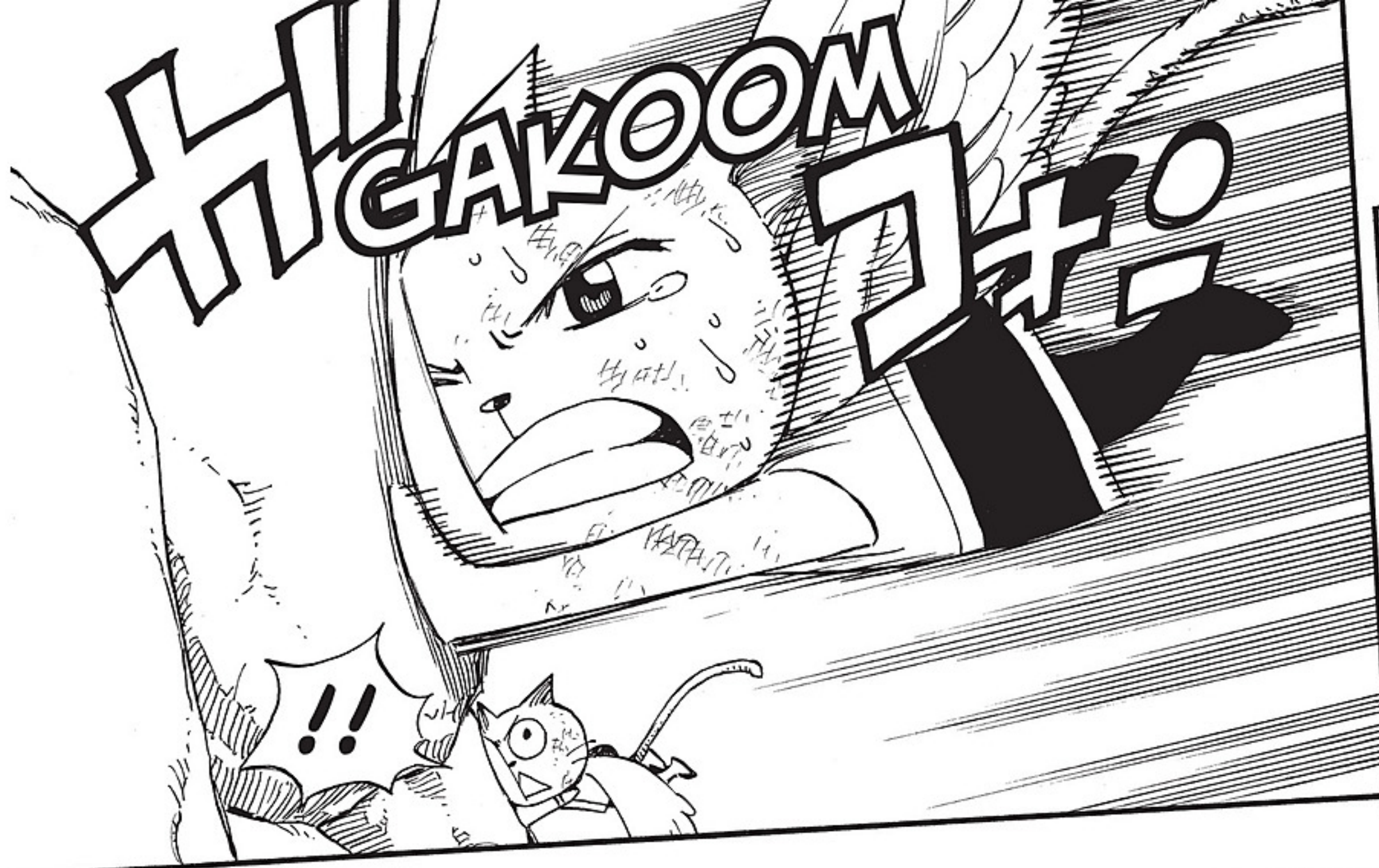


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Chapter 189: The Boy From Back Then







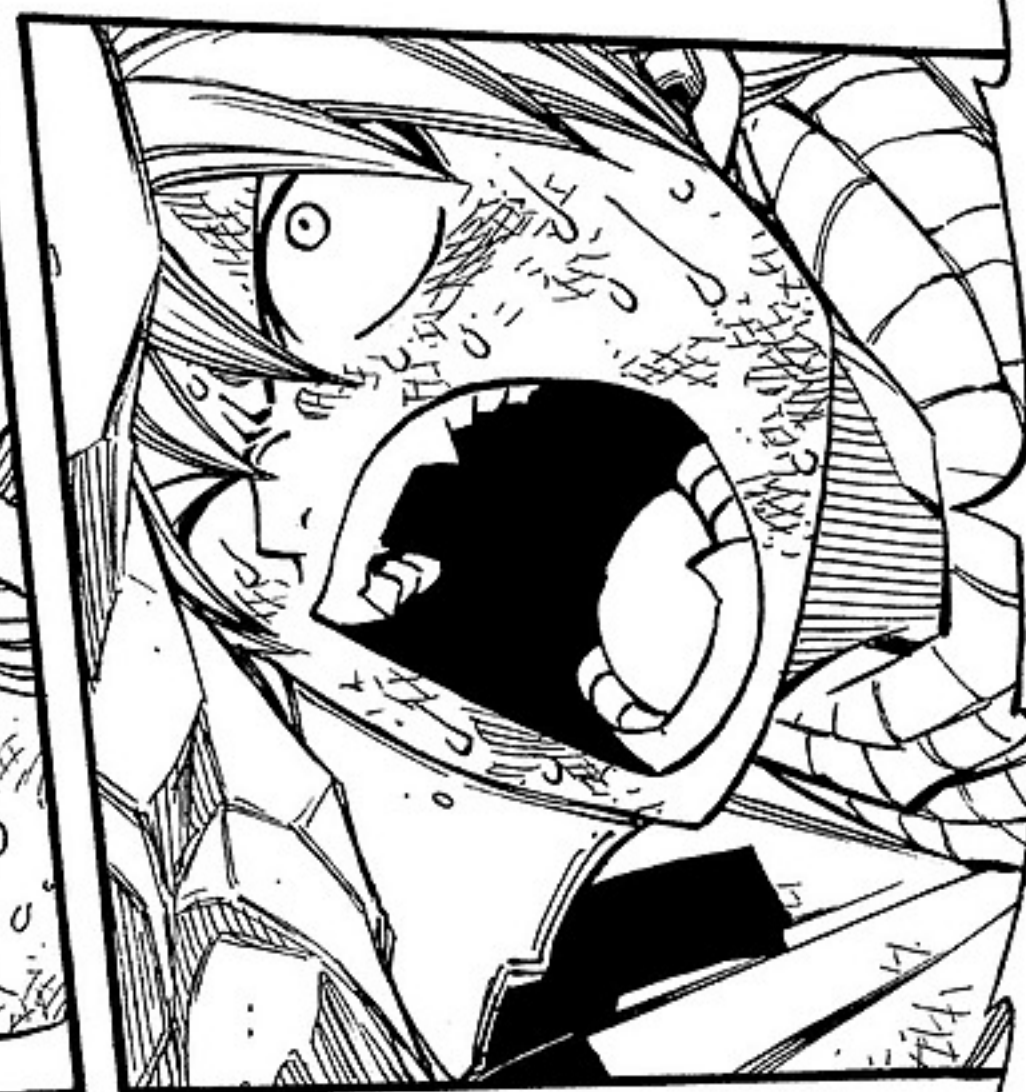
RRROOOOOHHHHHHH!!!



Brace yourselves!!!!



I think I'm about to get crushed!

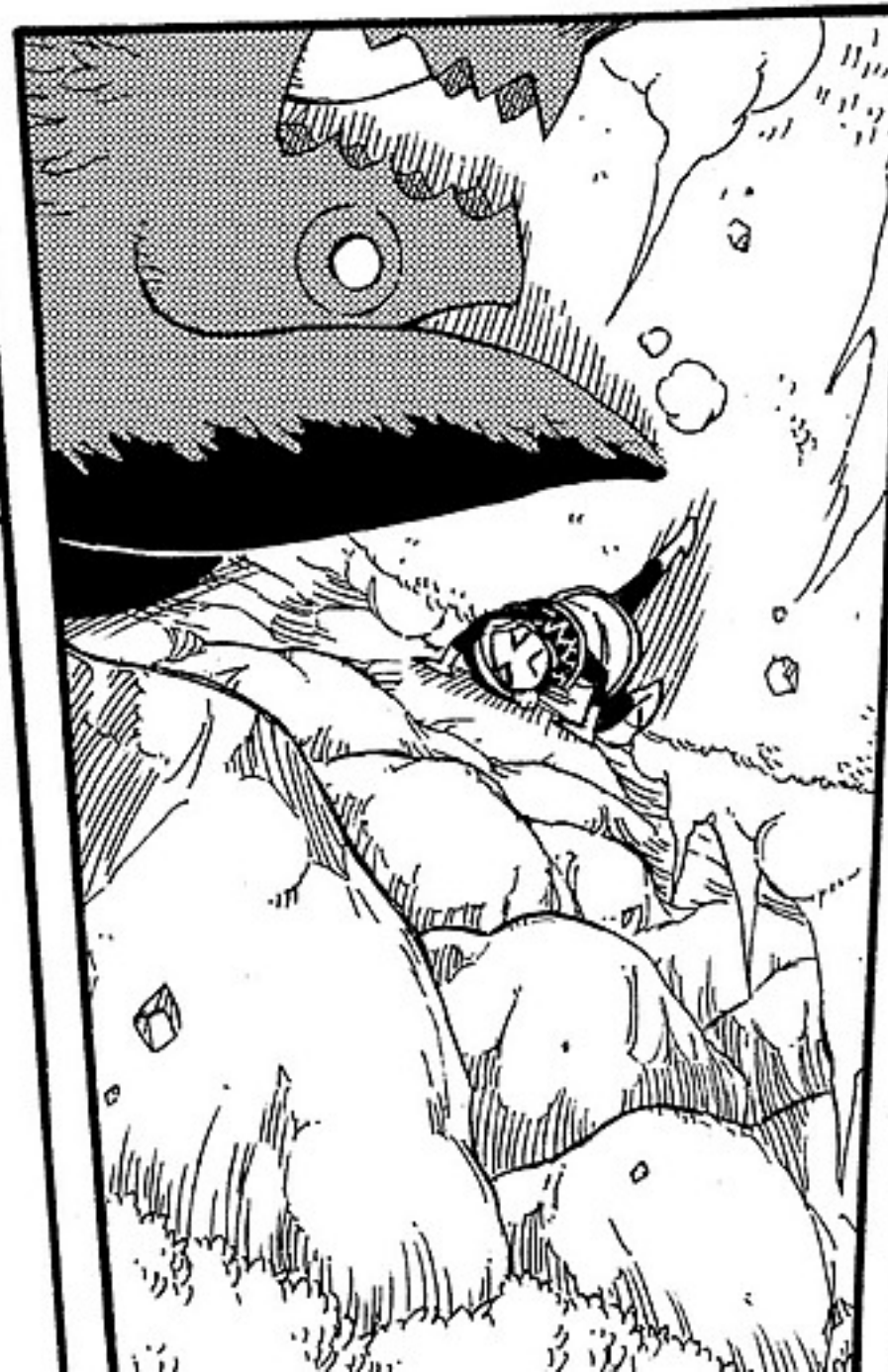


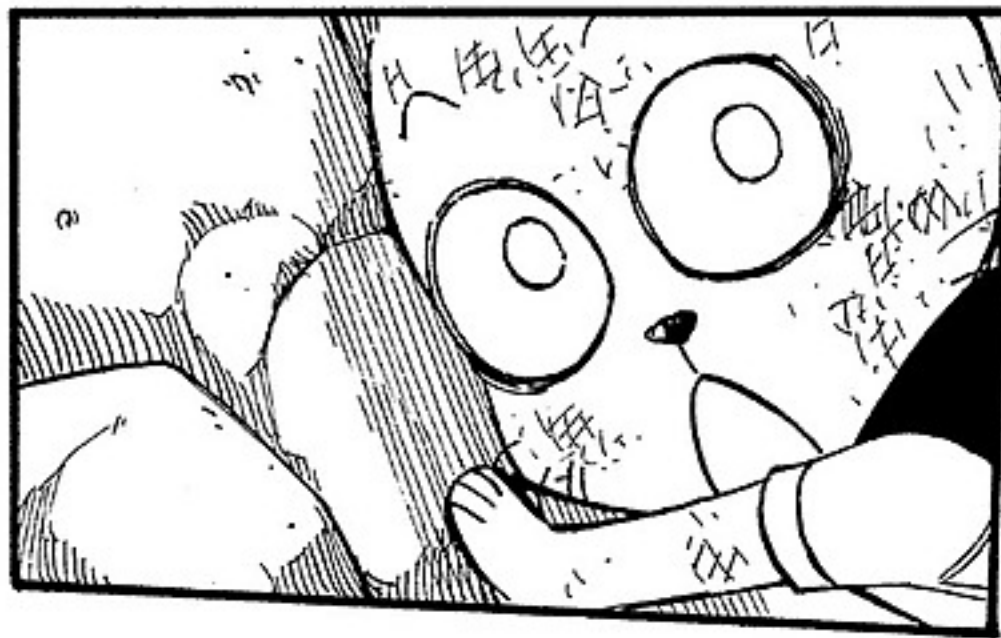
We have to stop this thing no matter what!!!!



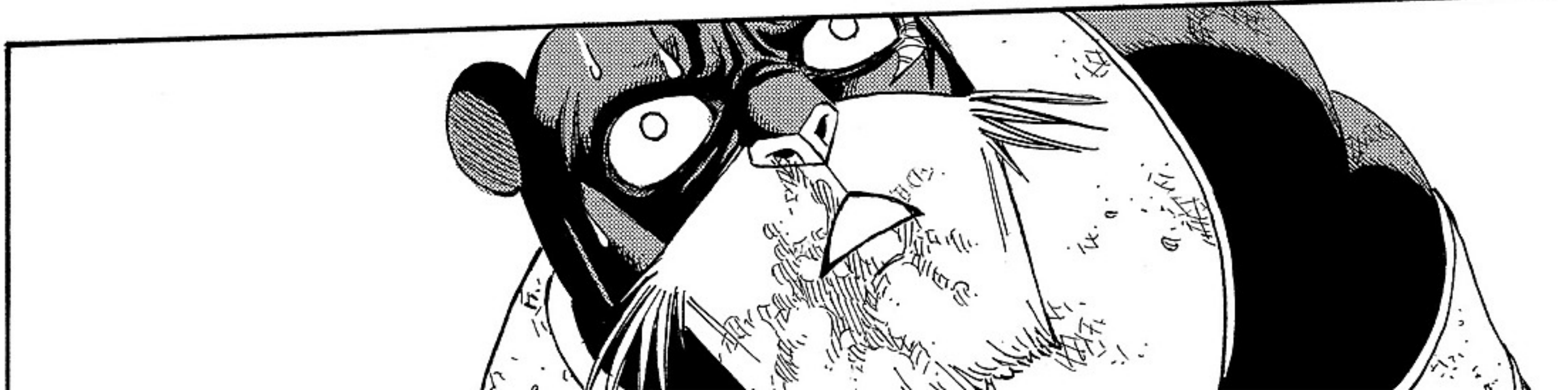
No human being is strong enough to do anything about it!

Your attempts are futile!!





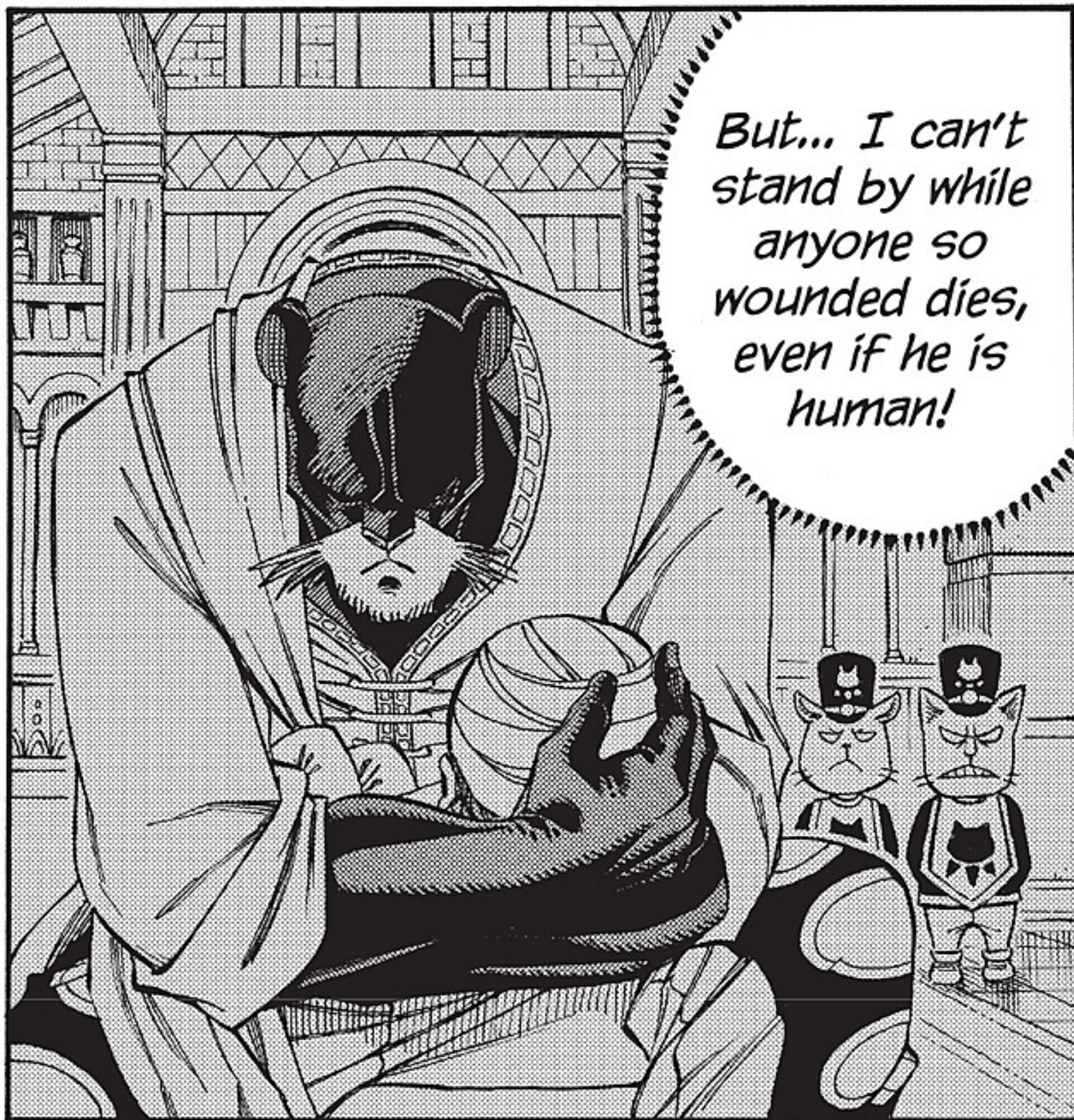
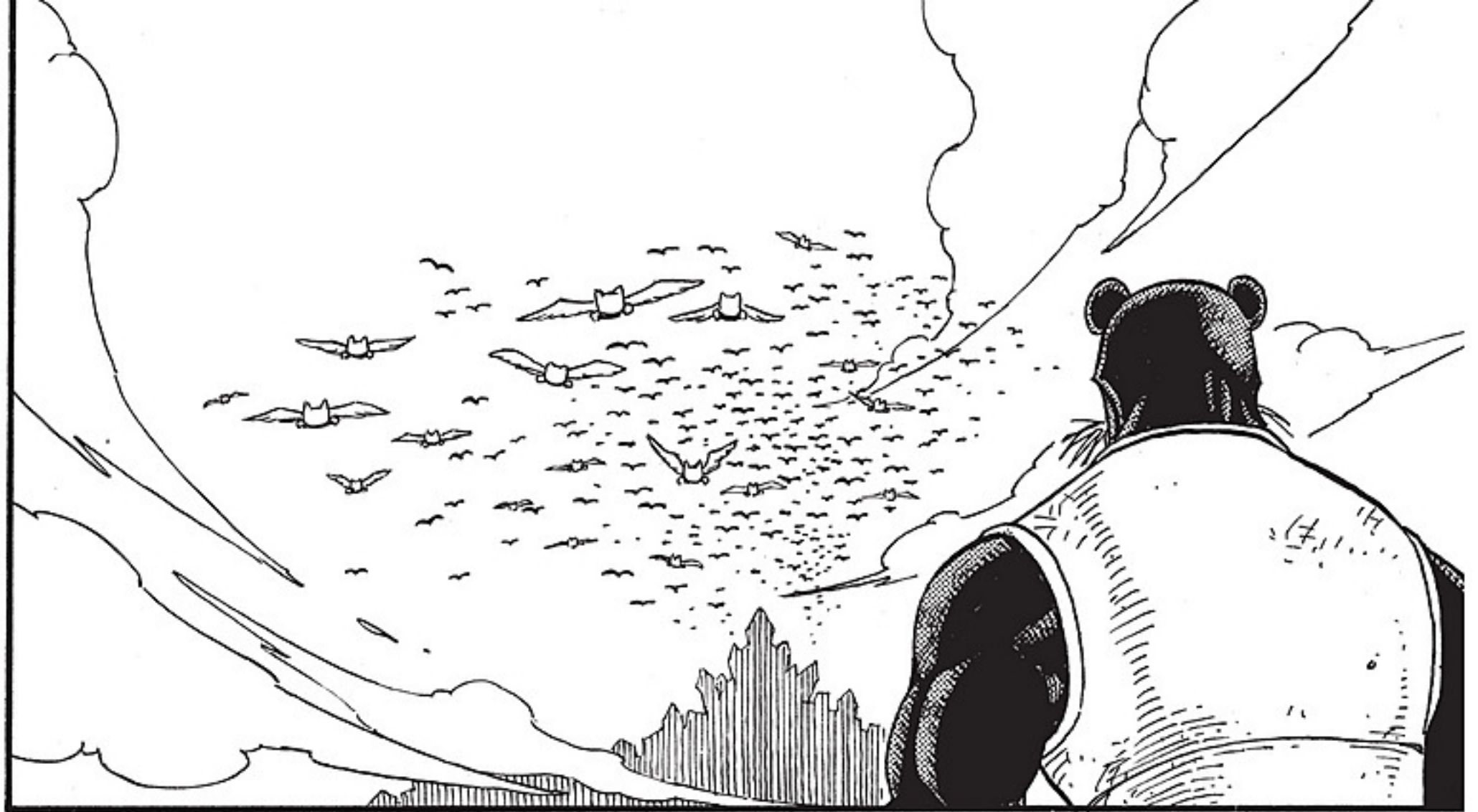
And I know everyone else does too...



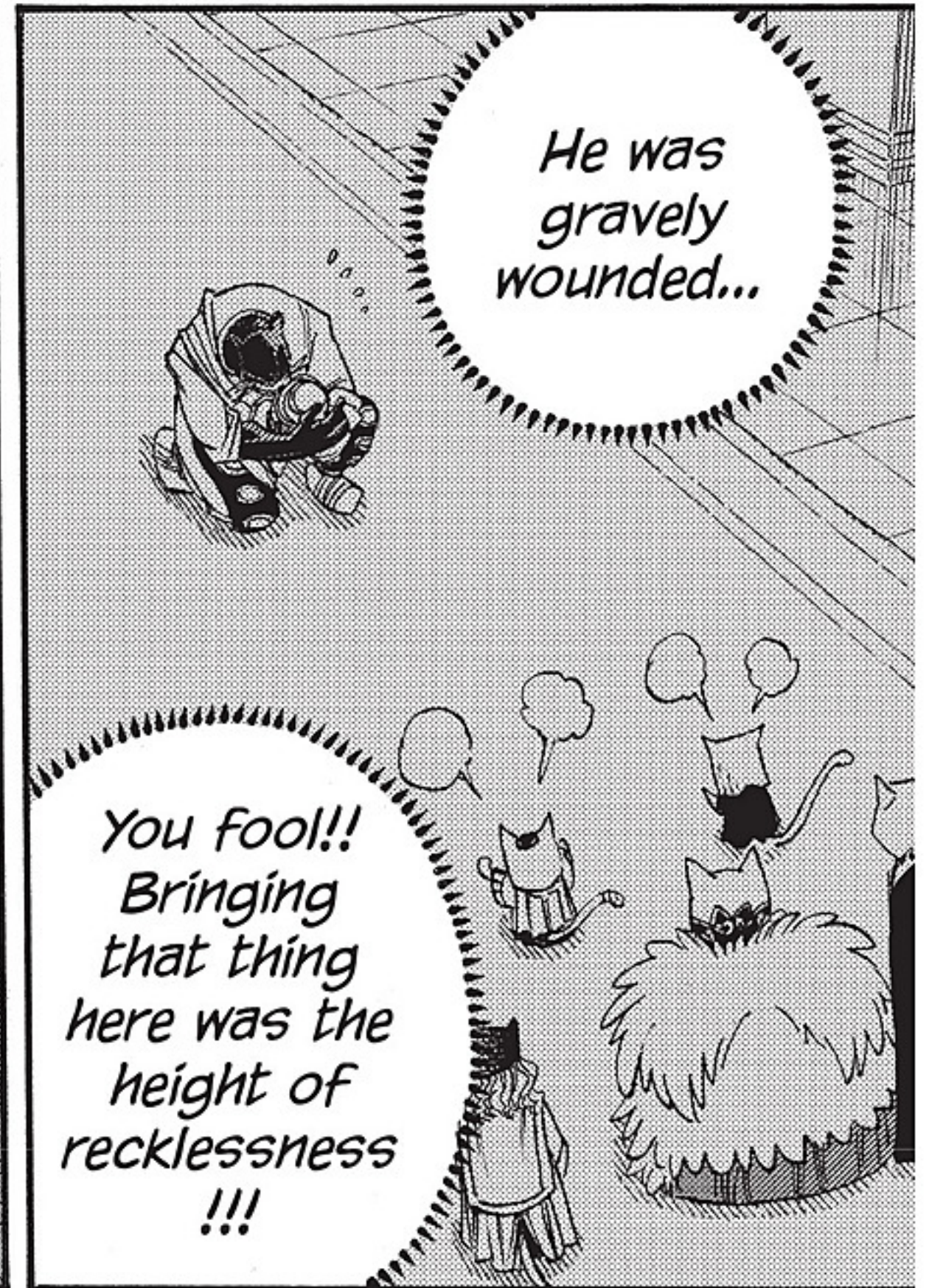




Lily! Why would you condescend to rescue a human child?



But... I can't stand by while anyone so wounded dies, even if he is human!



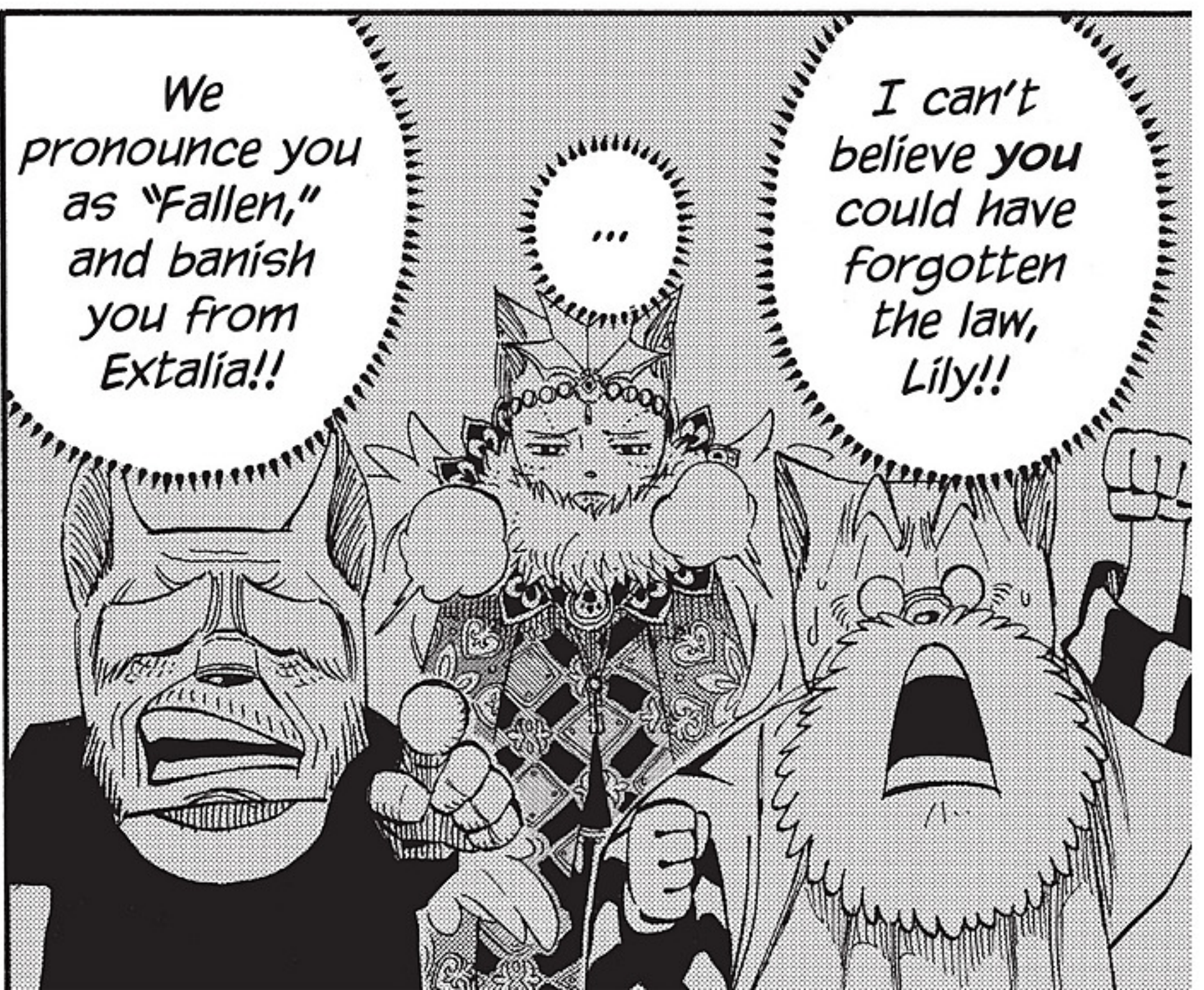
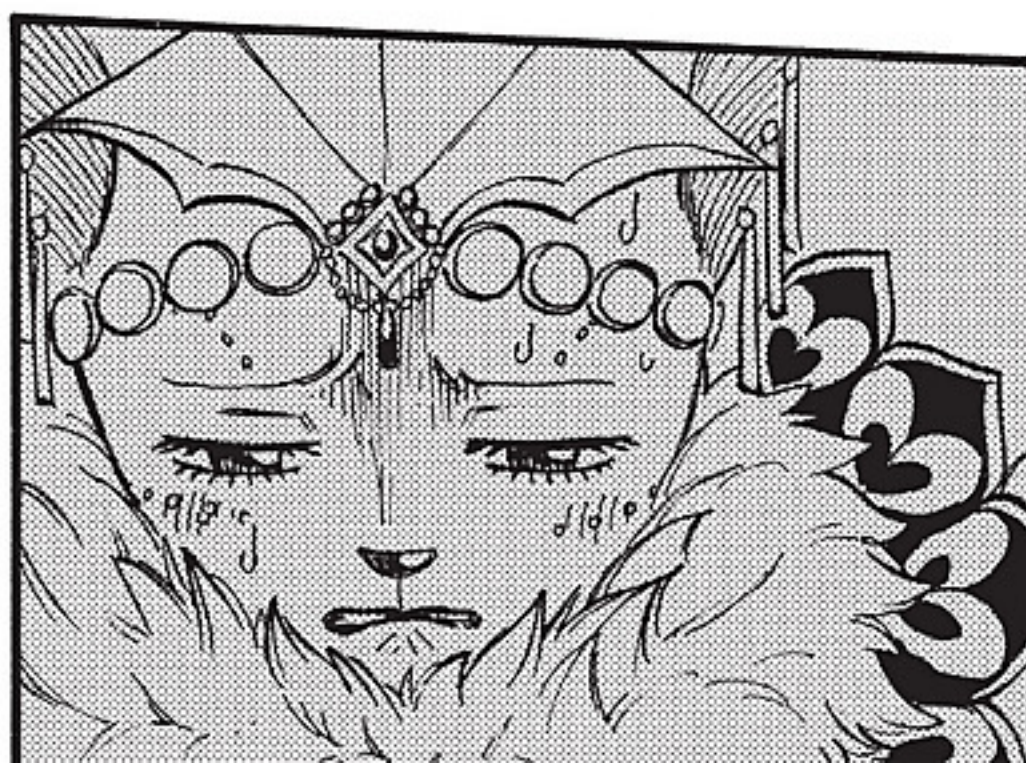
He was gravely wounded...

You fool!!
Bringing that thing here was the height of recklessness !!!



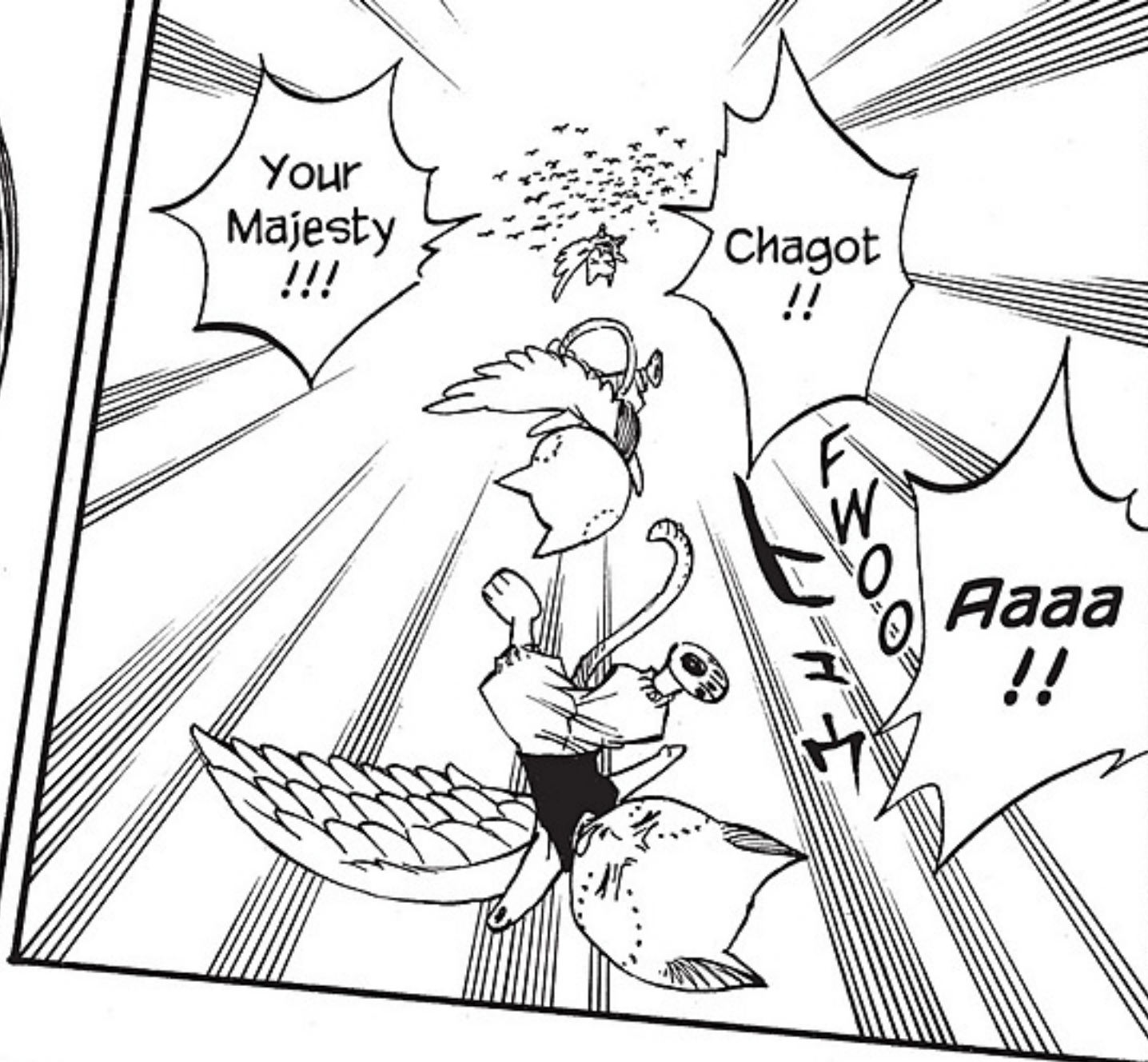
Over something so small ...?!

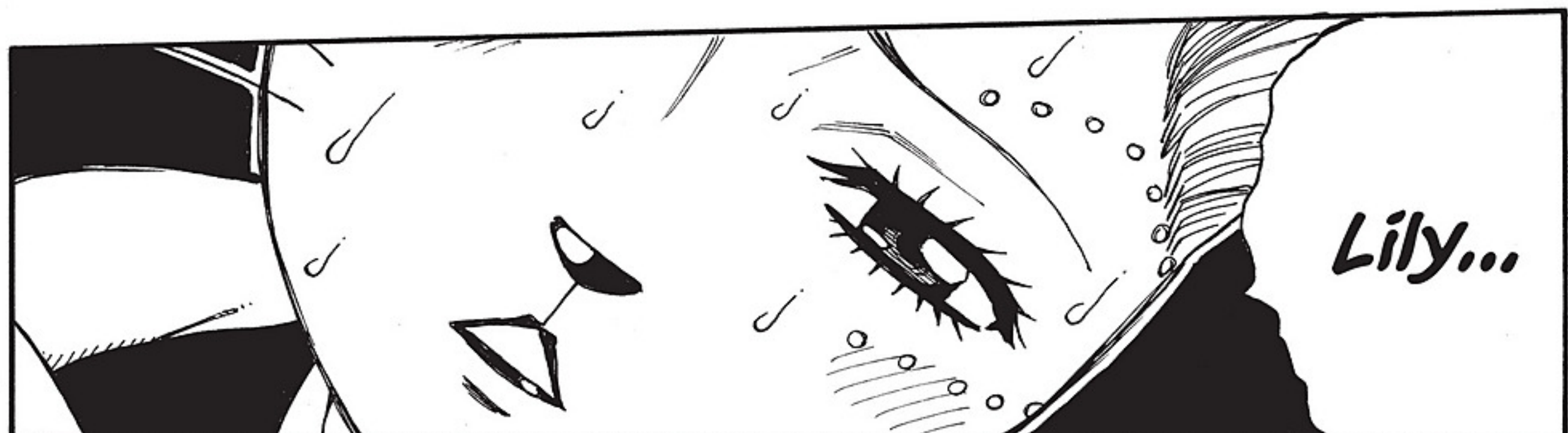
That's ridiculous!!!



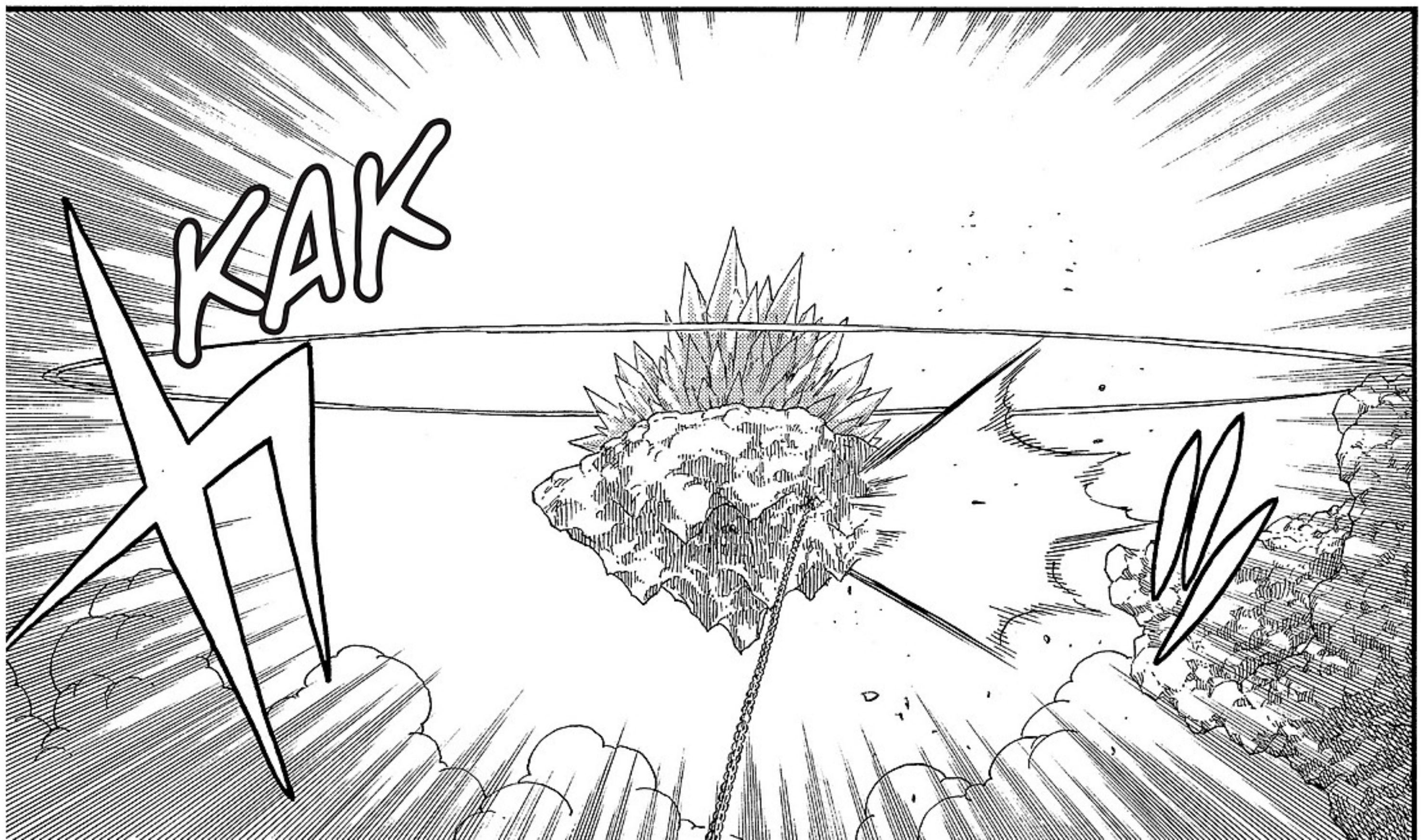
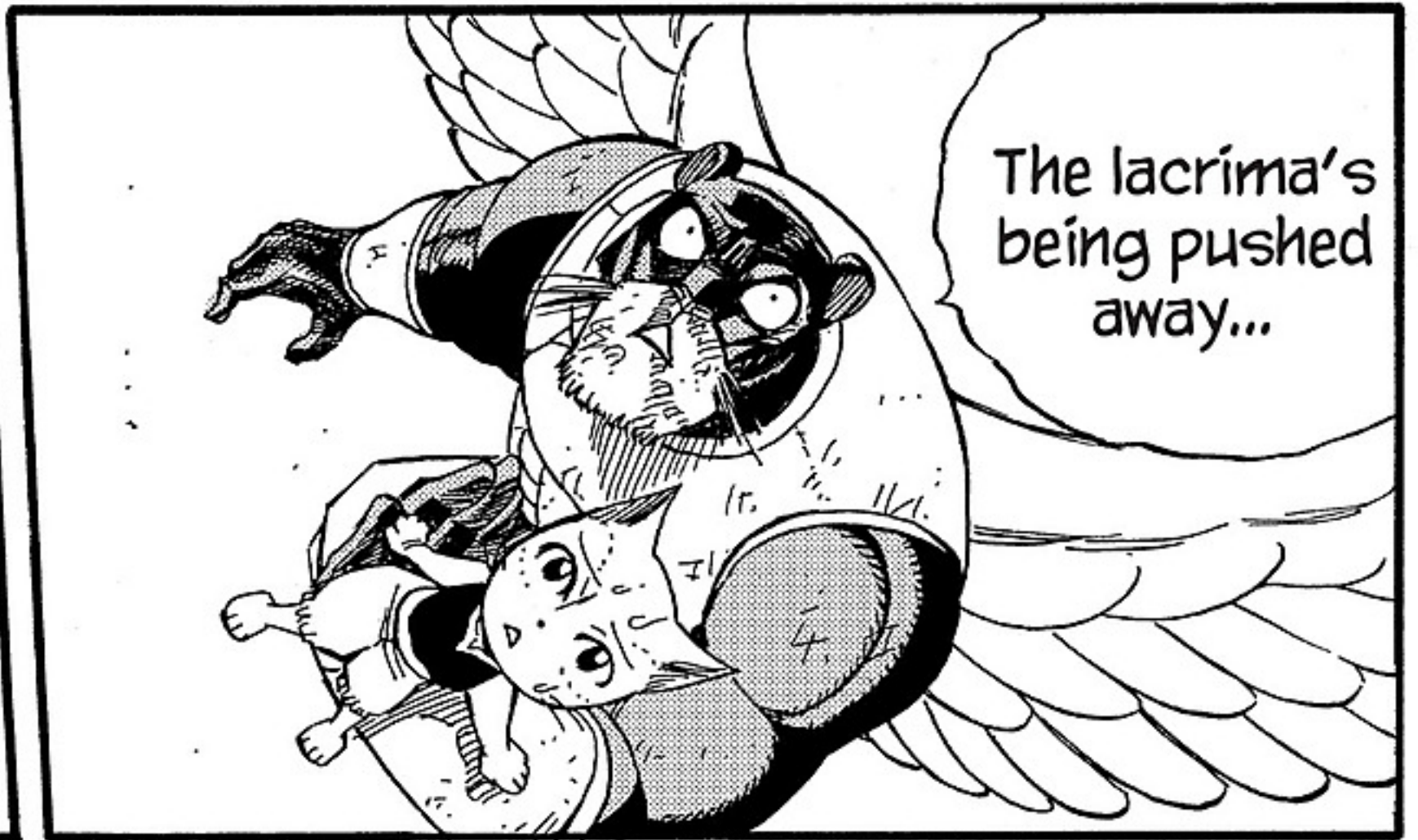
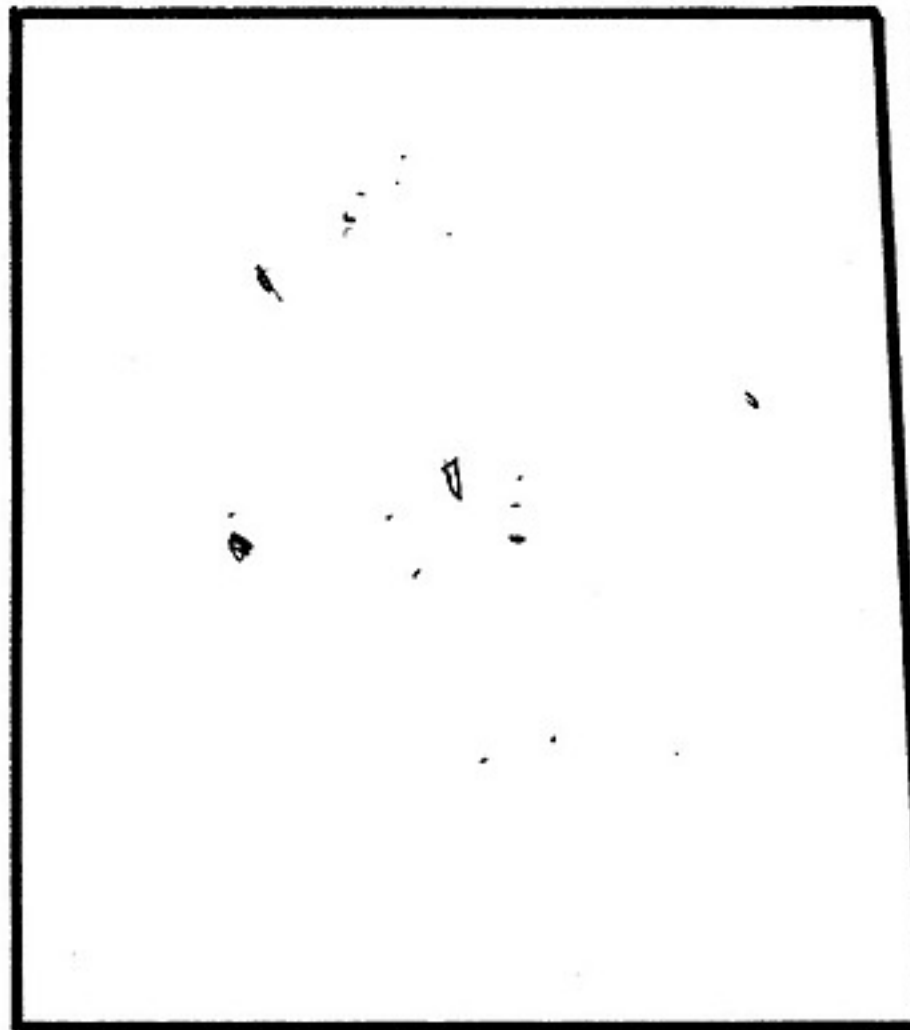
We pronounce you as "Fallen," and banish you from Extalia!!

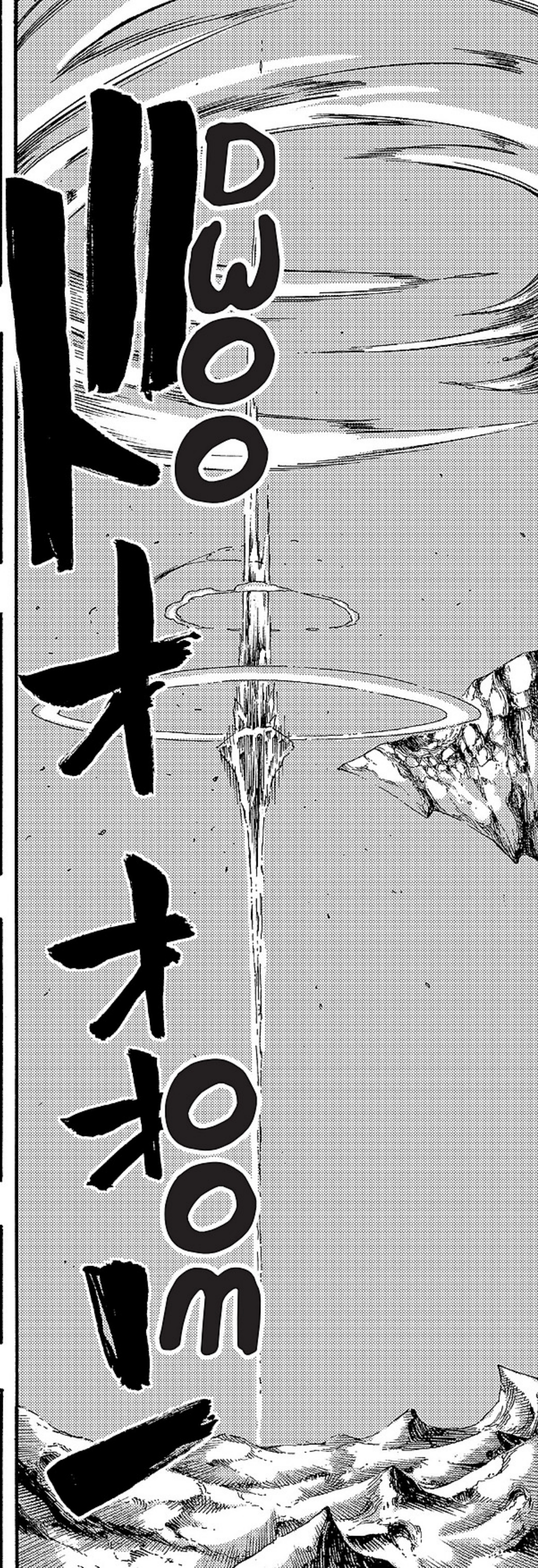
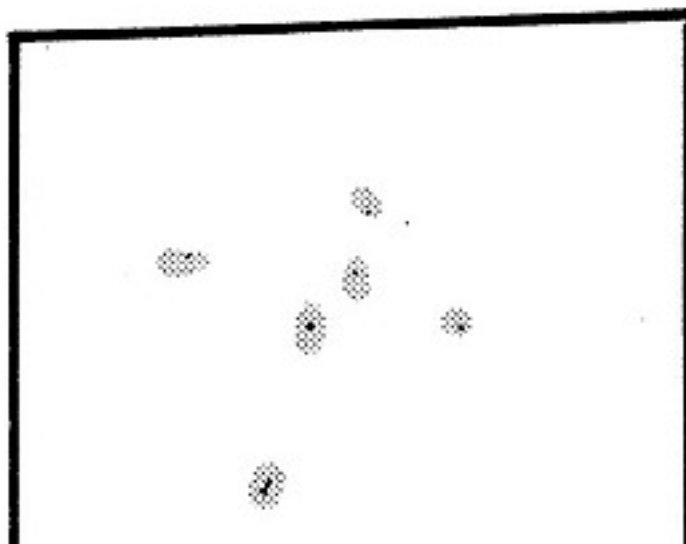
I can't believe you could have forgotten the law, Lily!!

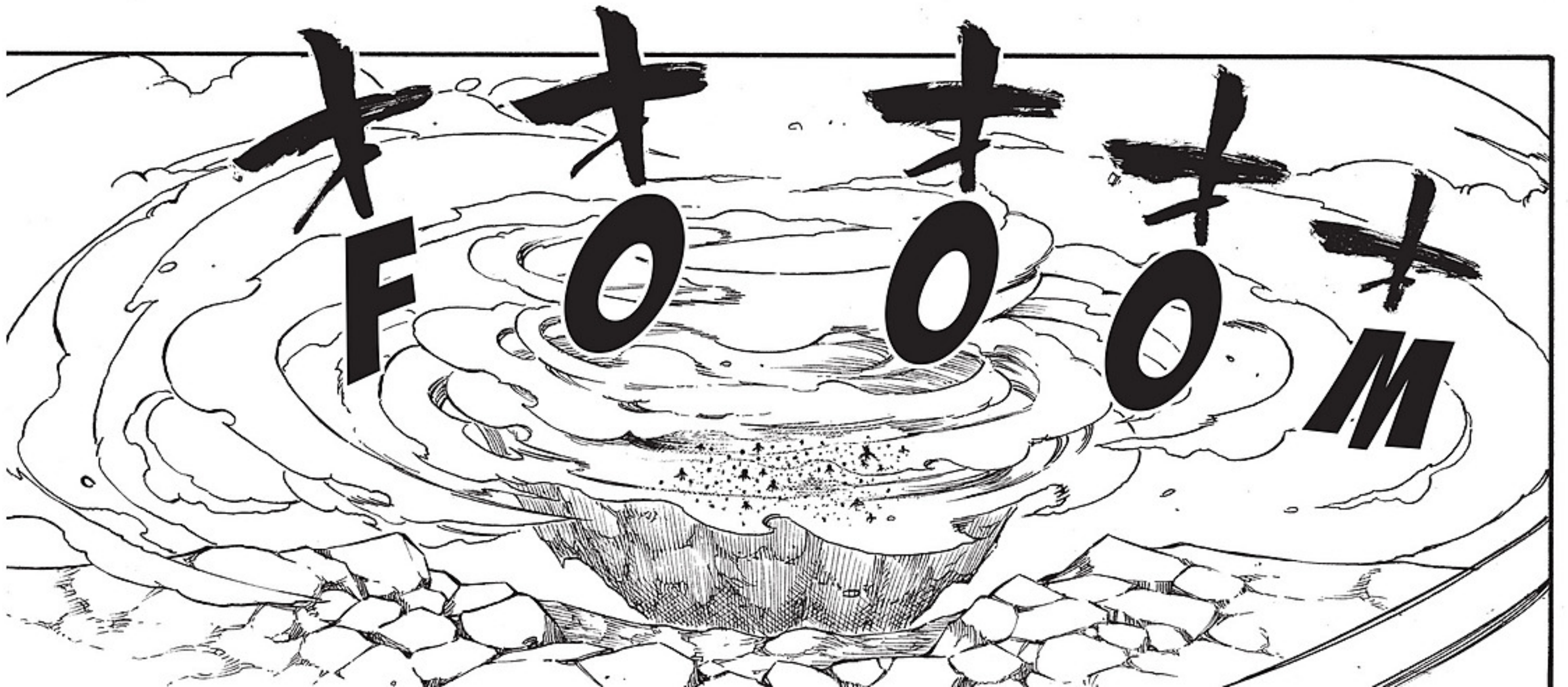
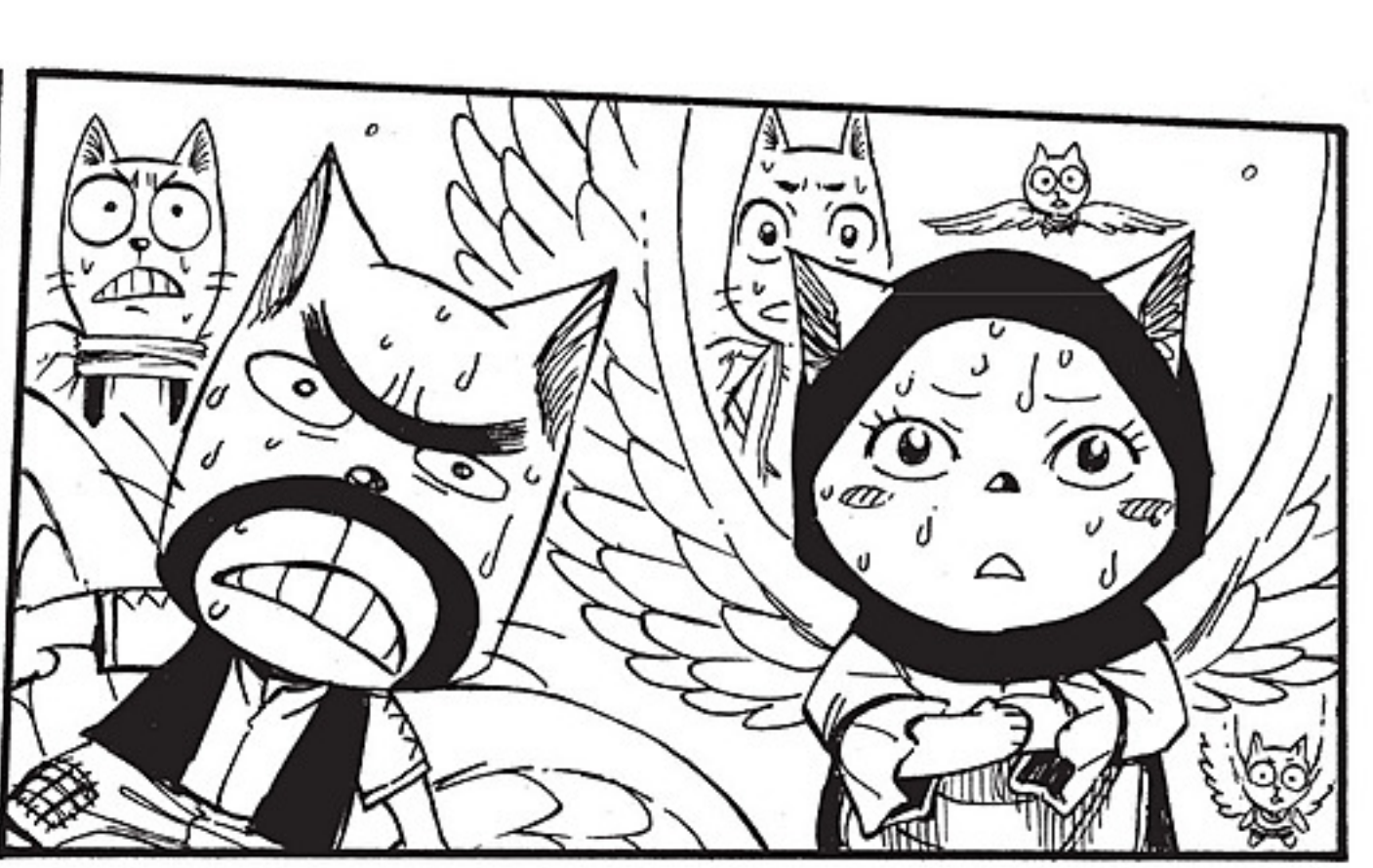
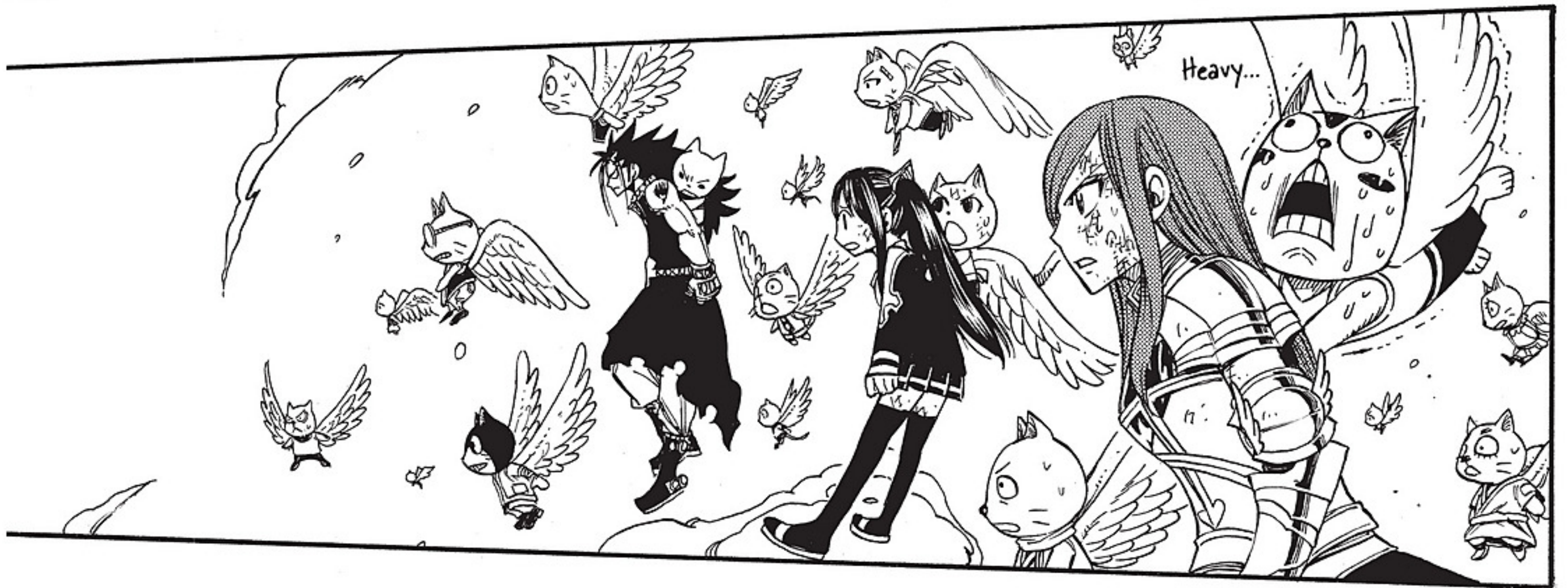


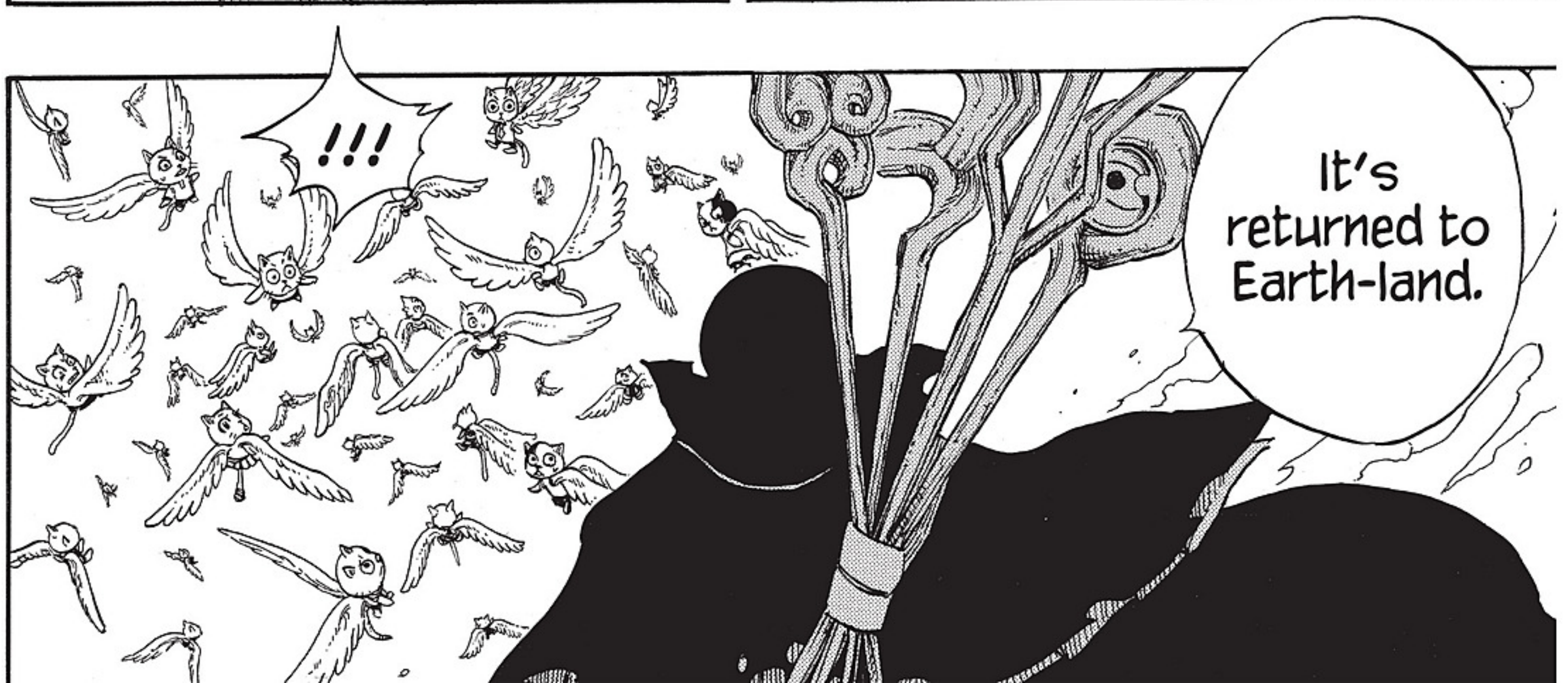
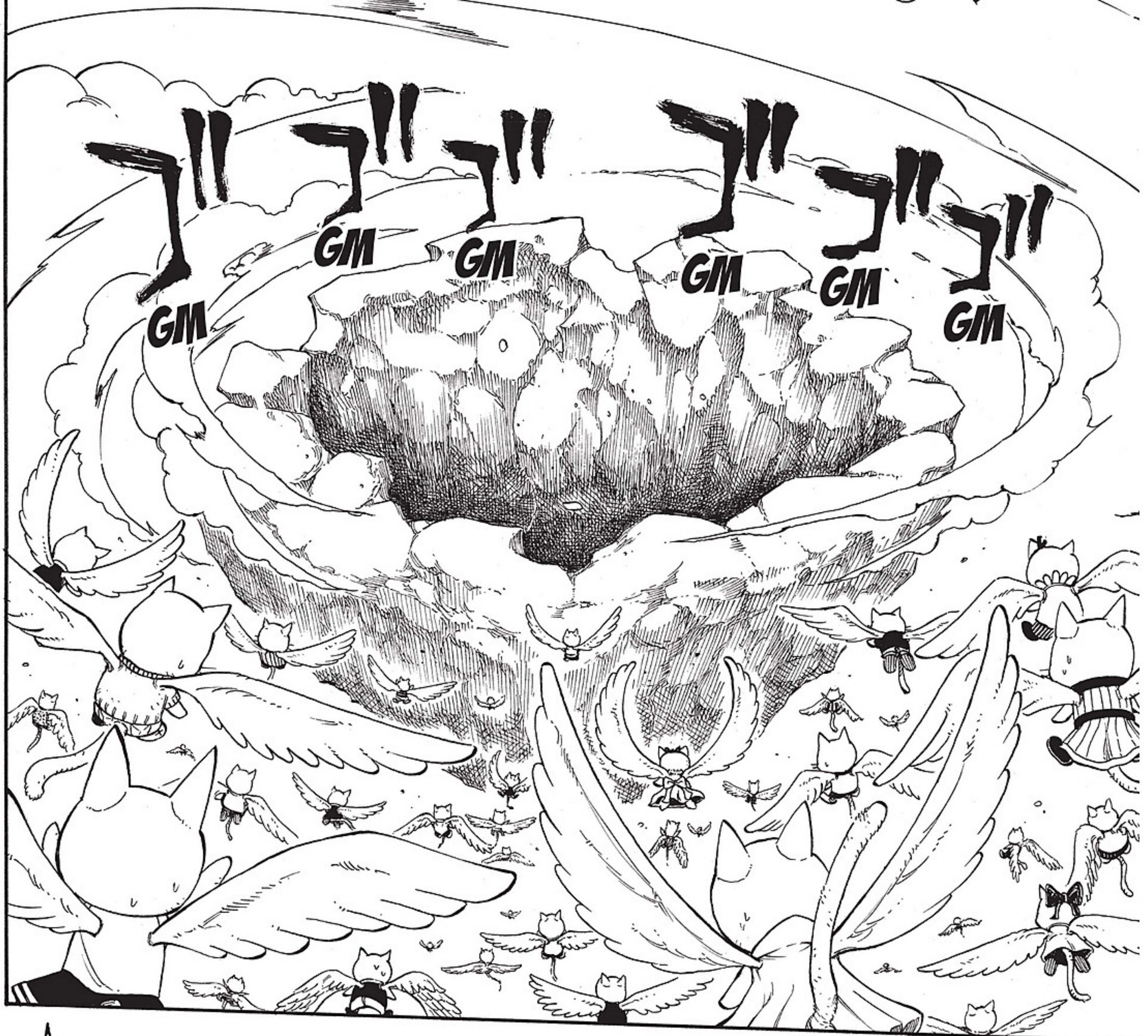


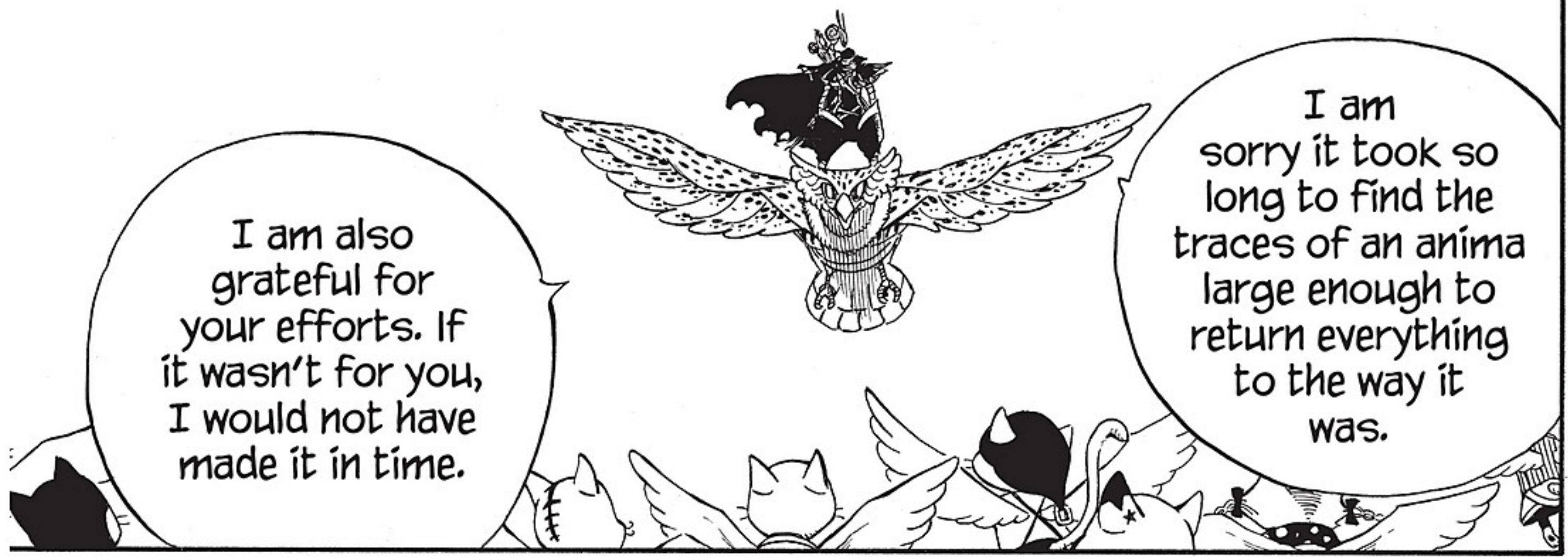












I am also grateful for your efforts. If it wasn't for you, I would not have made it in time.

I am sorry it took so long to find the traces of an anima large enough to return everything to the way it was.

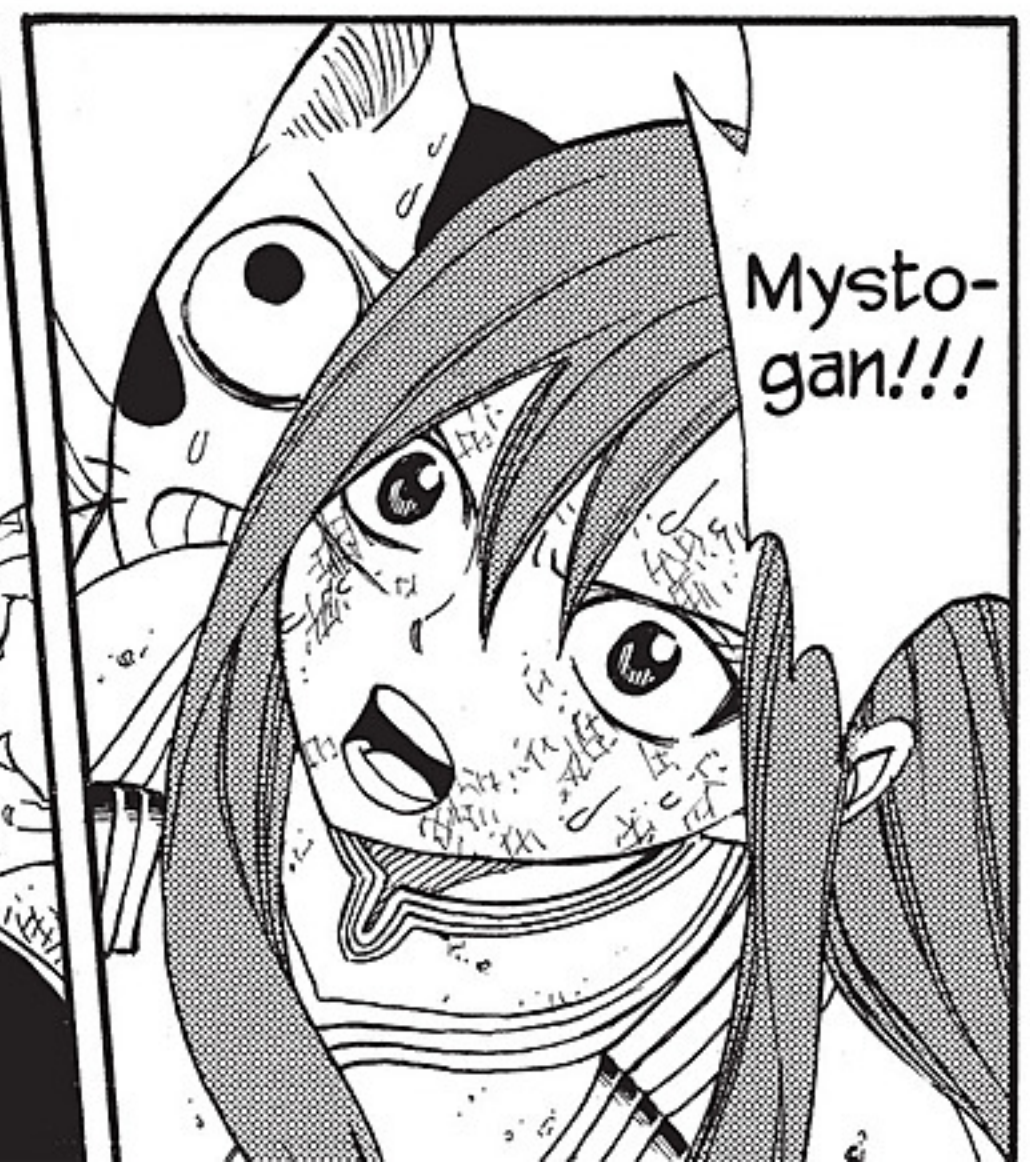


Yes.

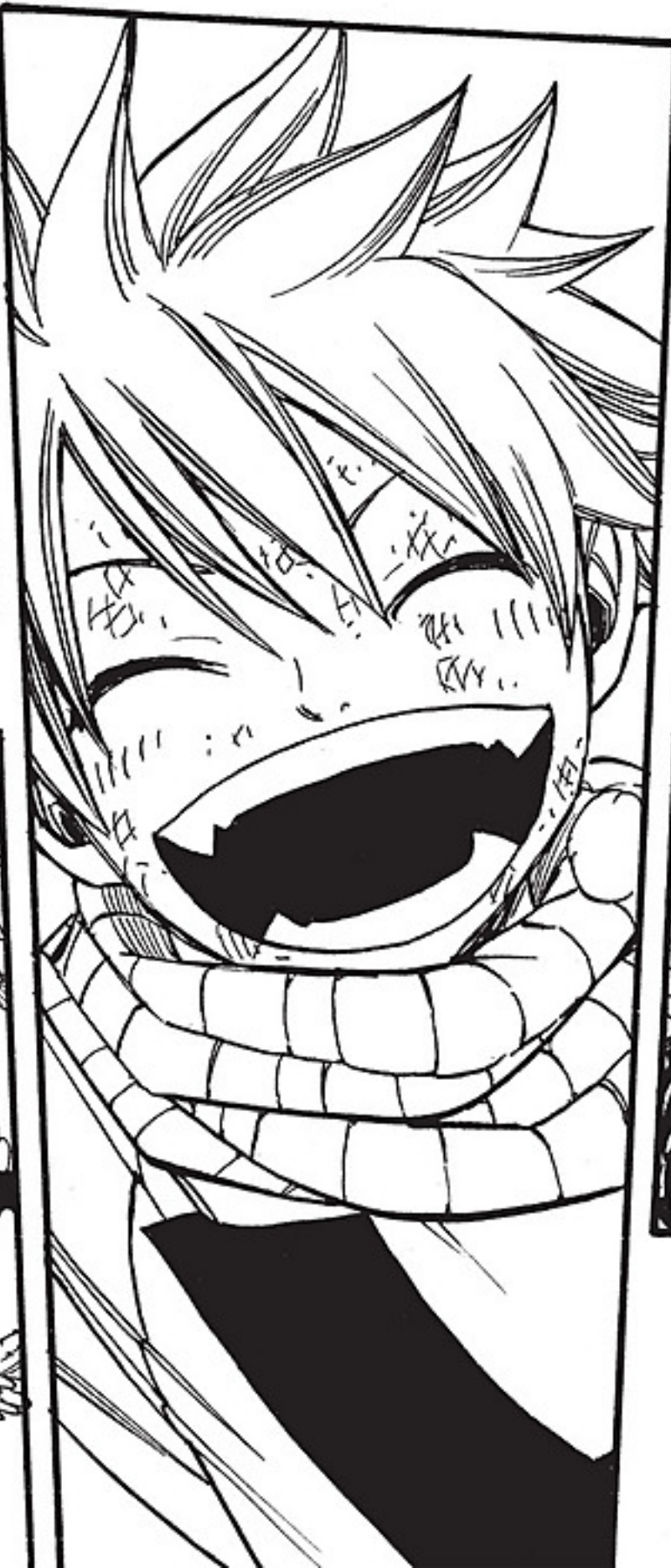
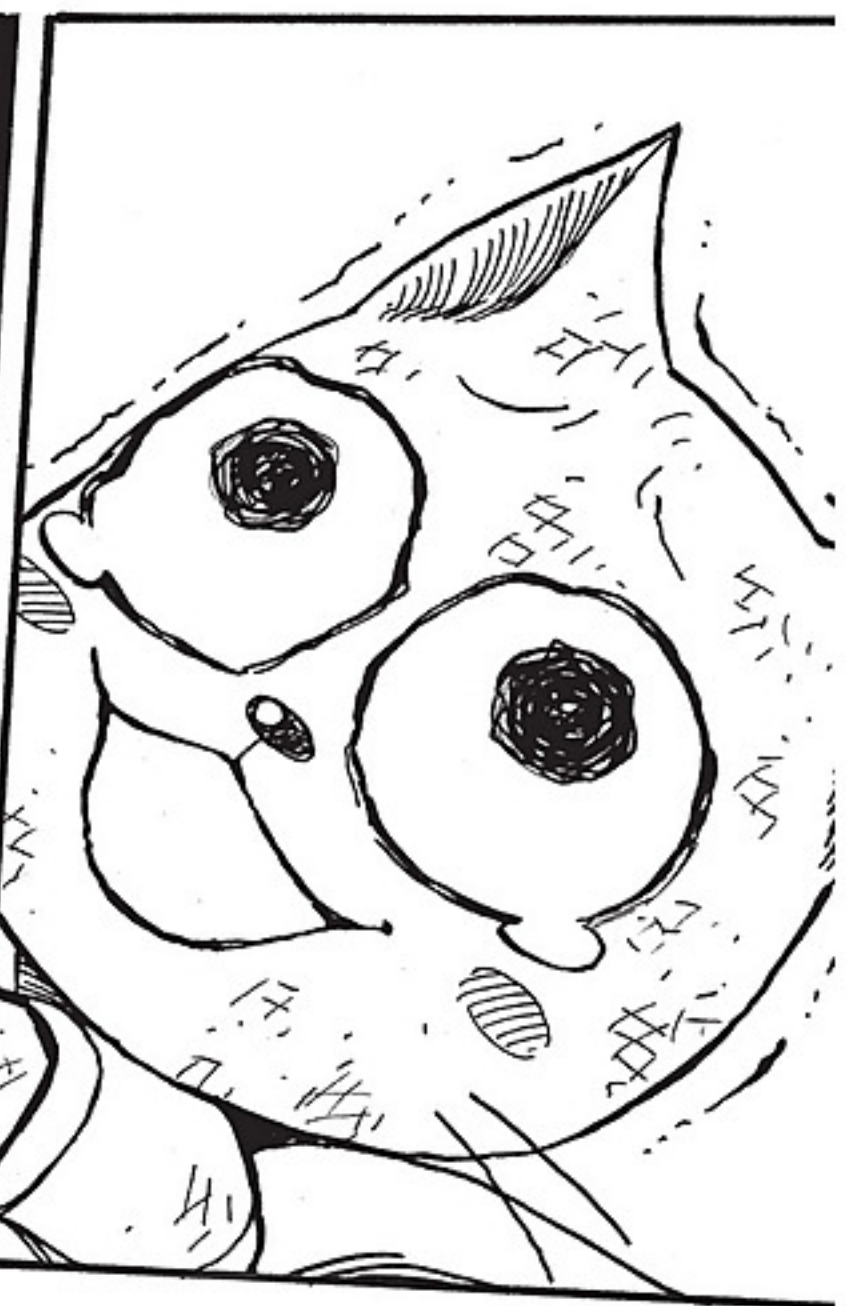
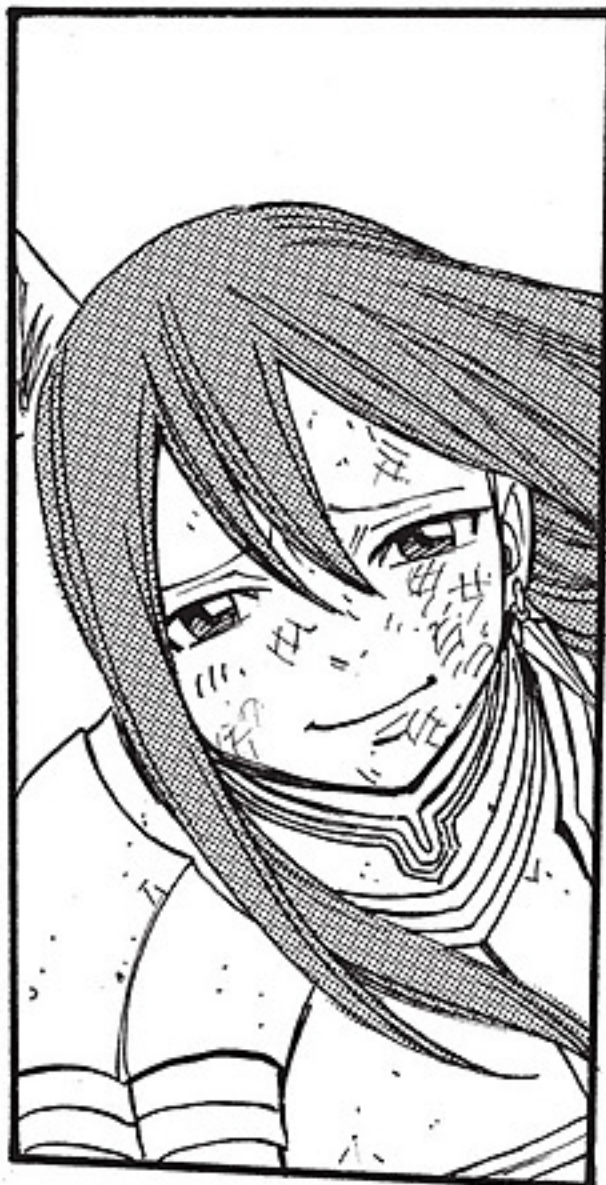


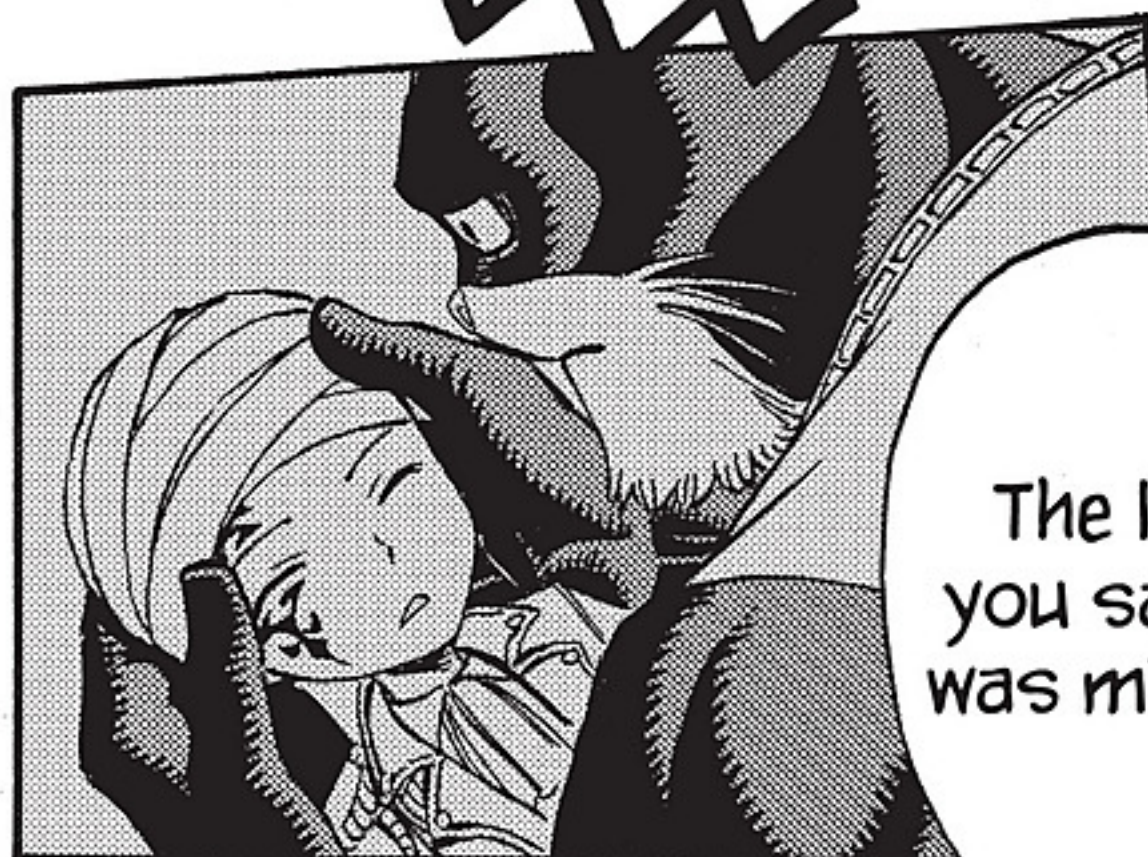
Back to the way it was...?

Ohh !!!



Mystogan!!!

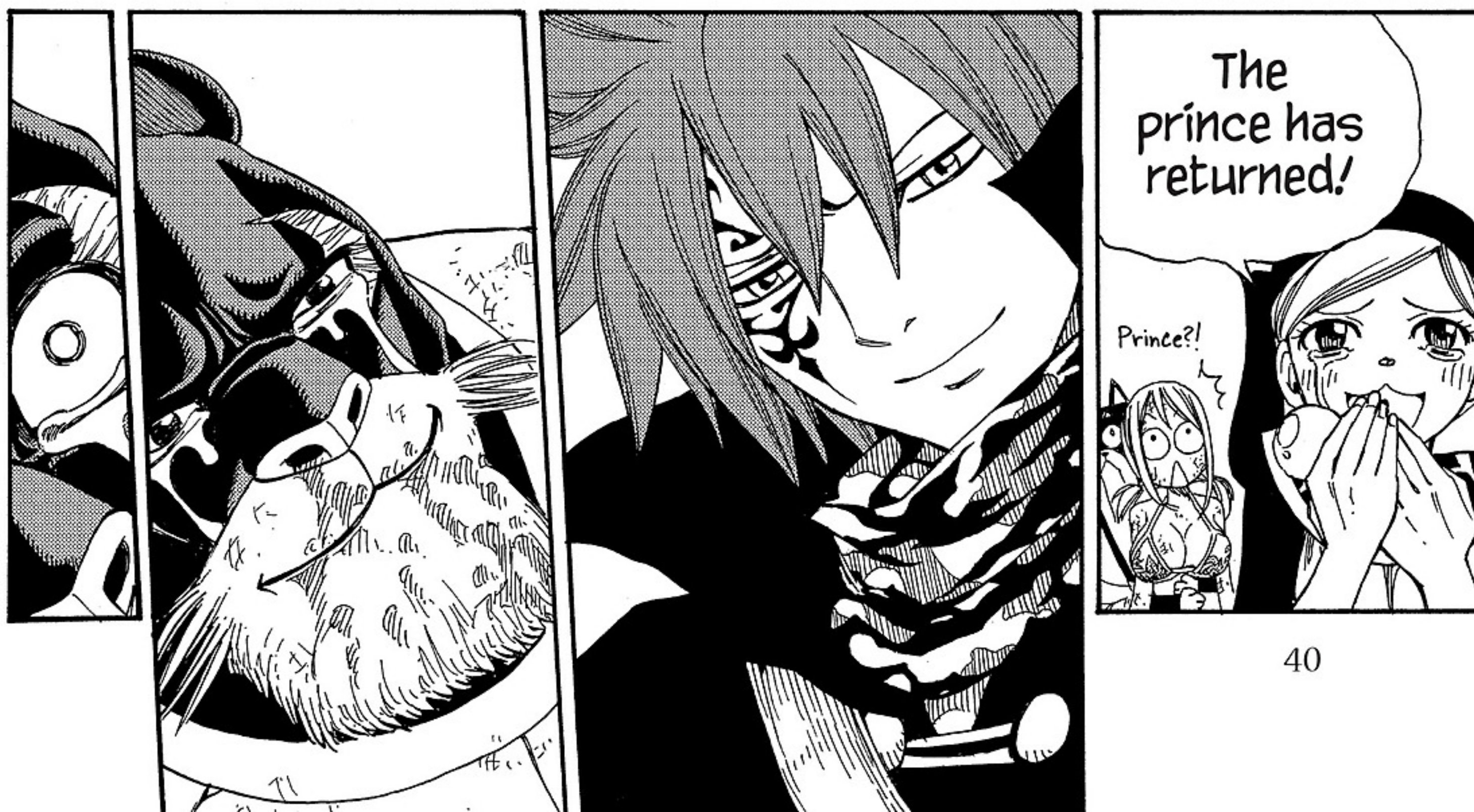
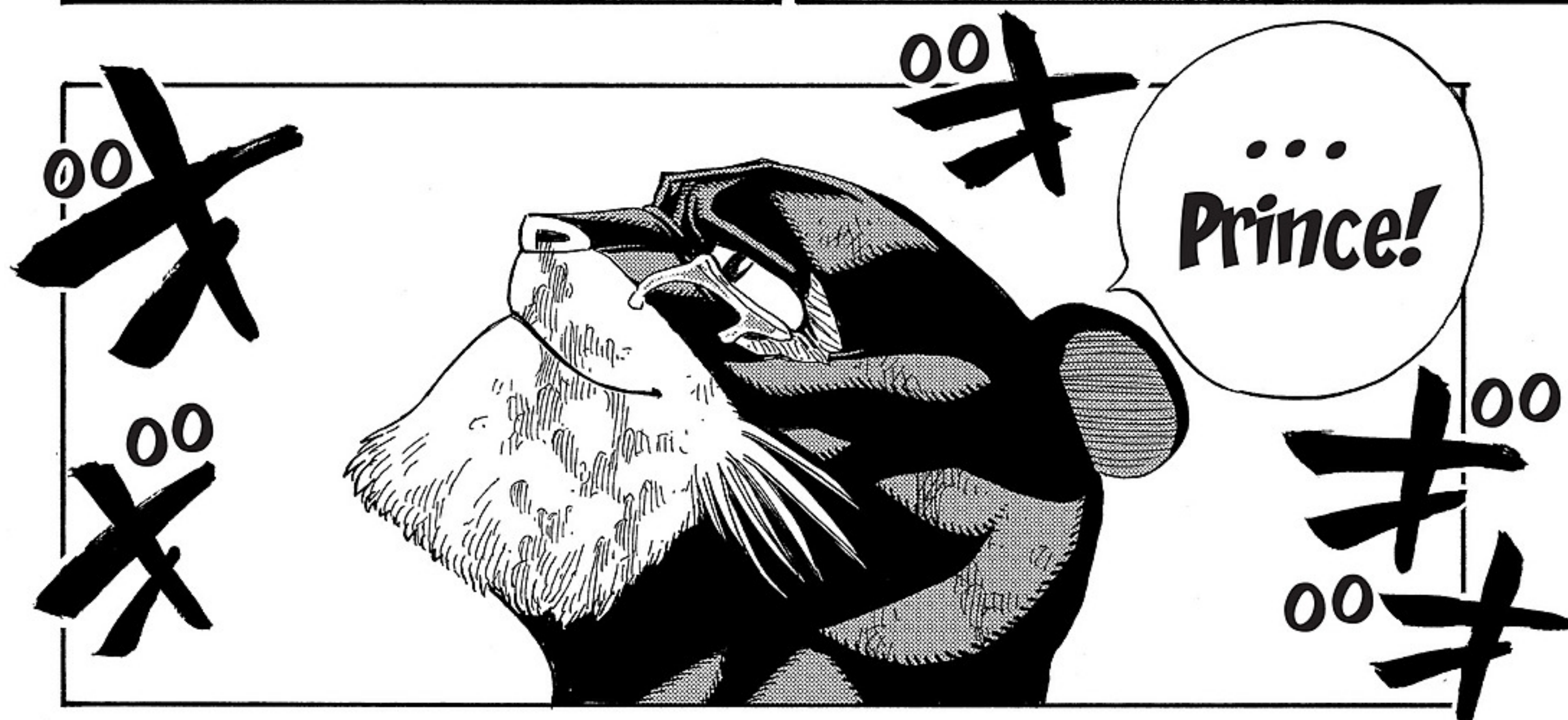
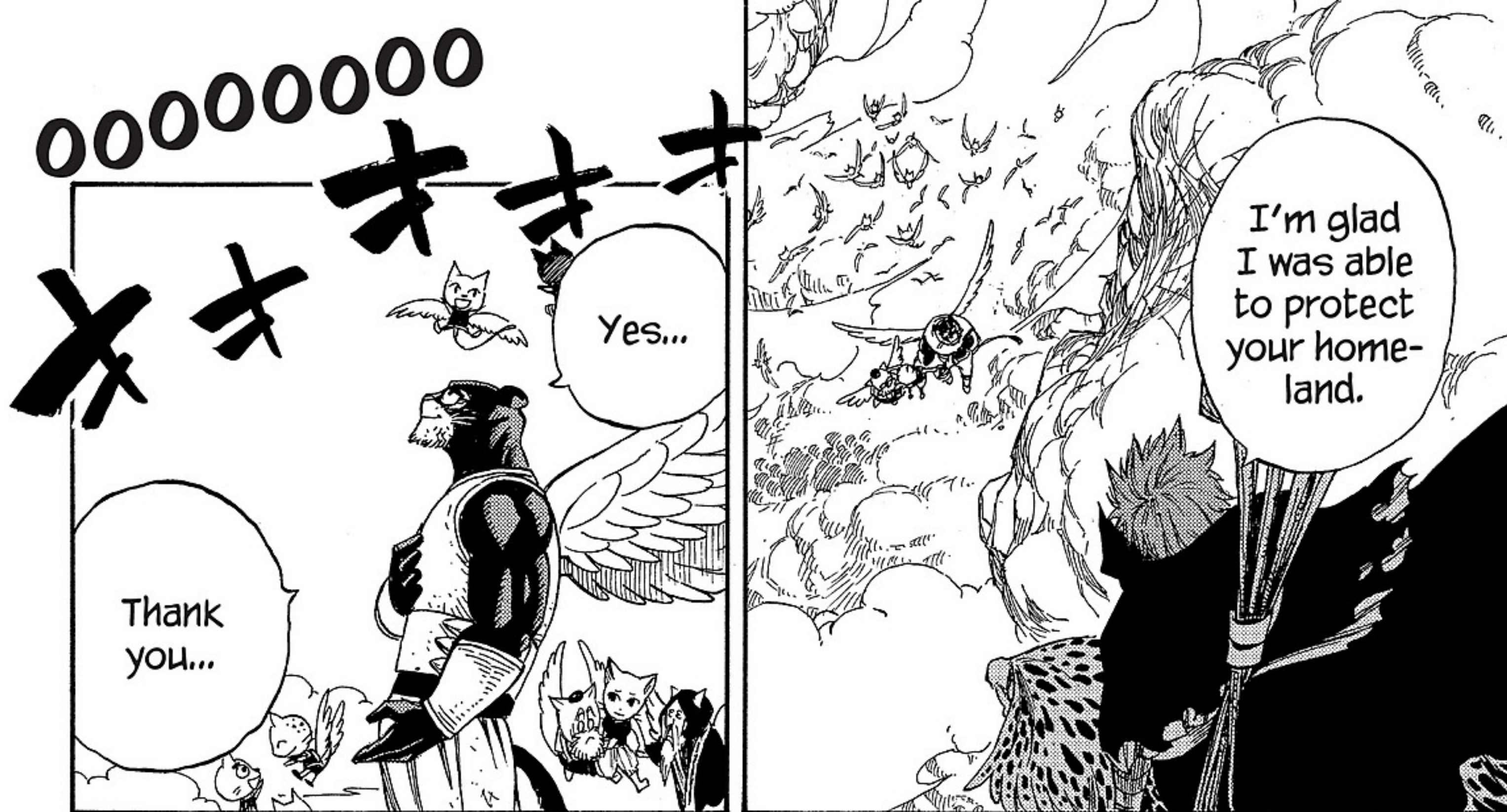


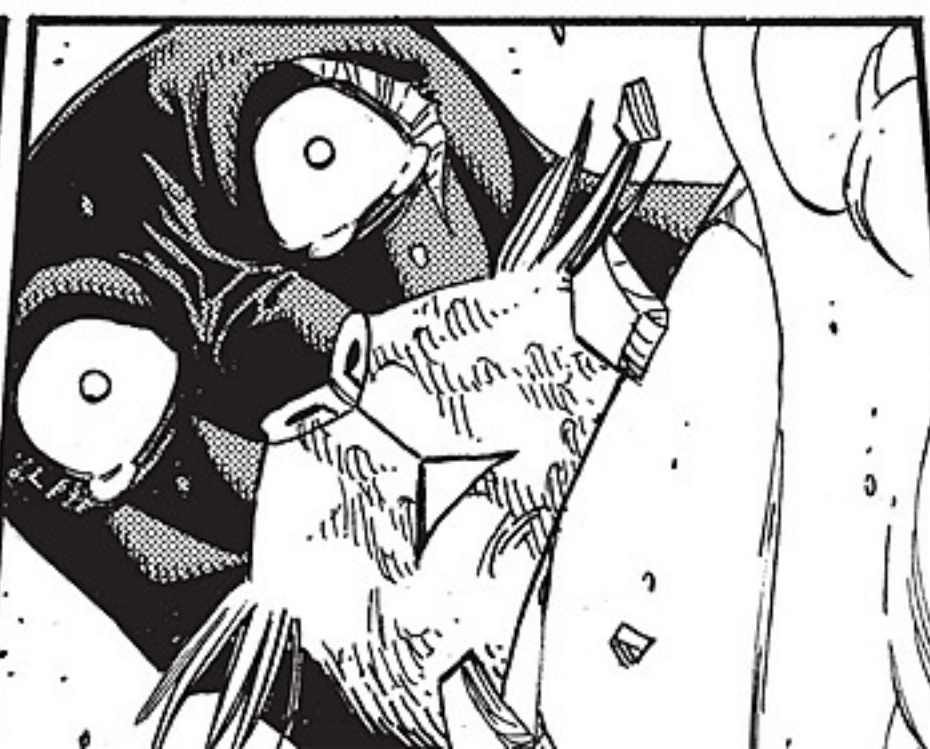
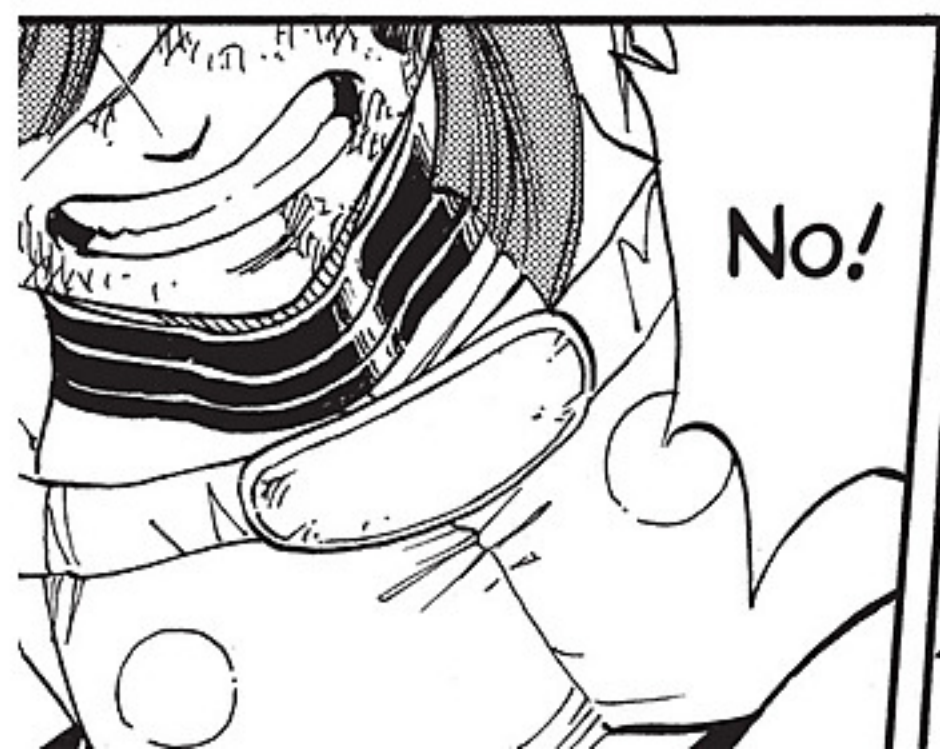
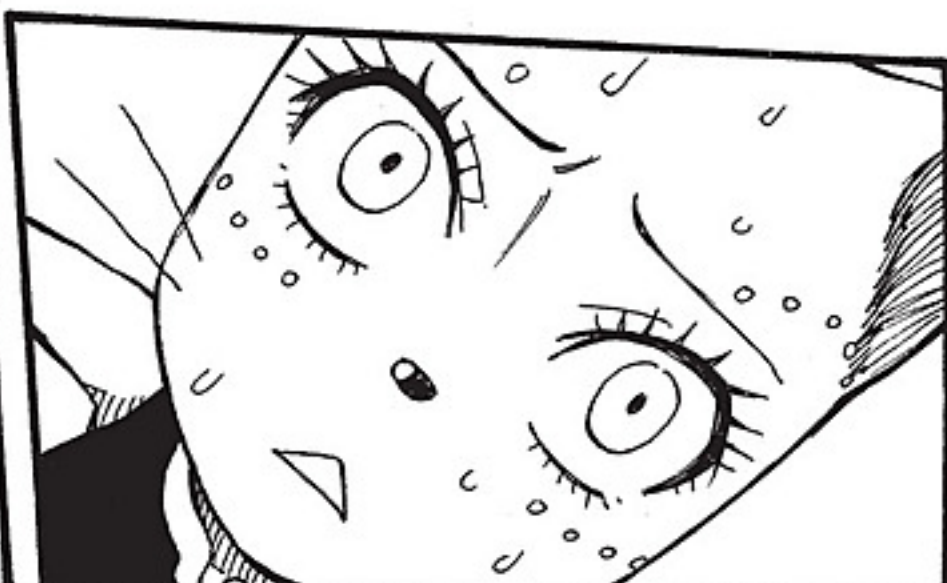


The life
you saved
was mine...



Lily...





*It
isn't
over
yet
!!!!*

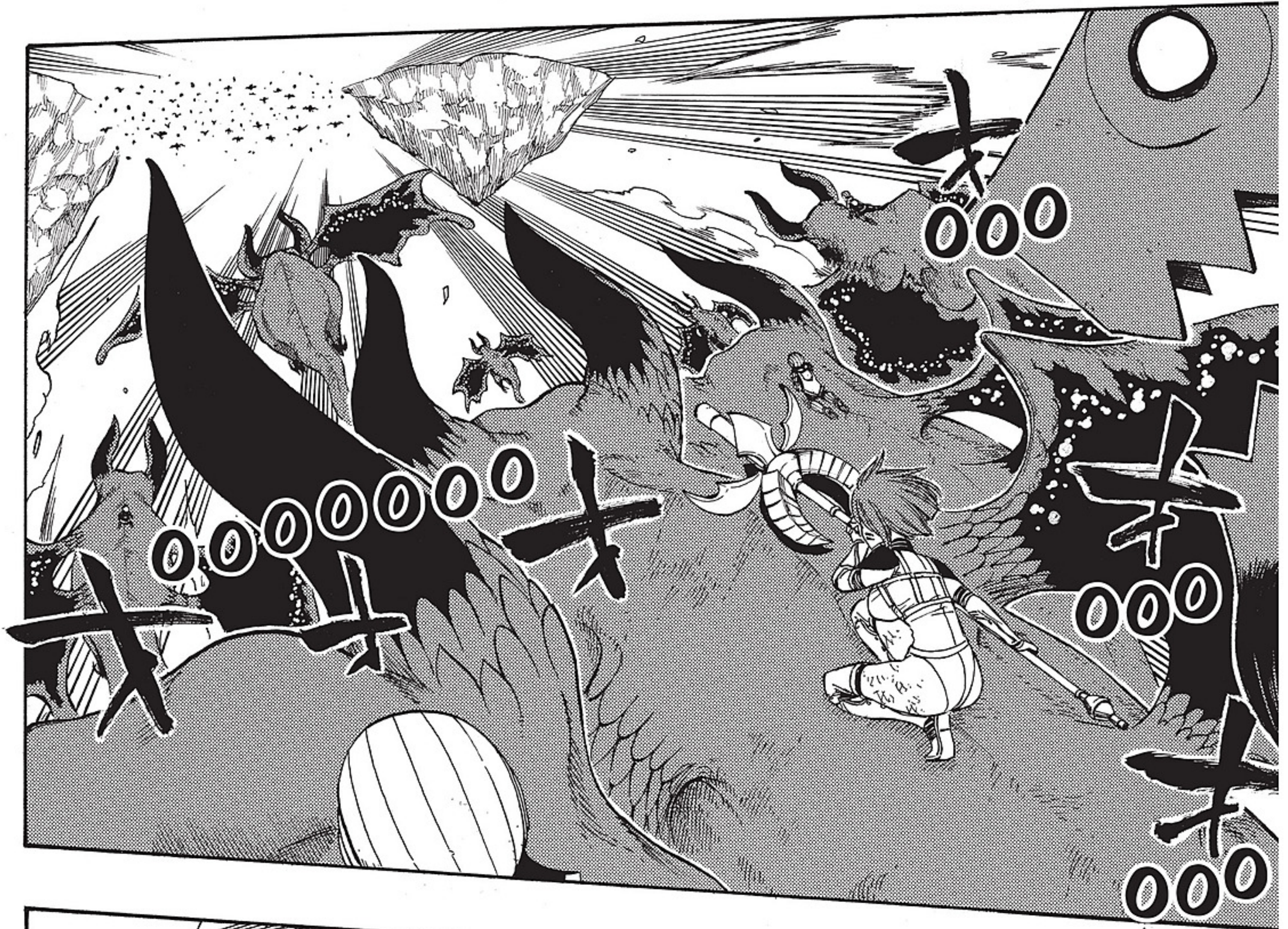
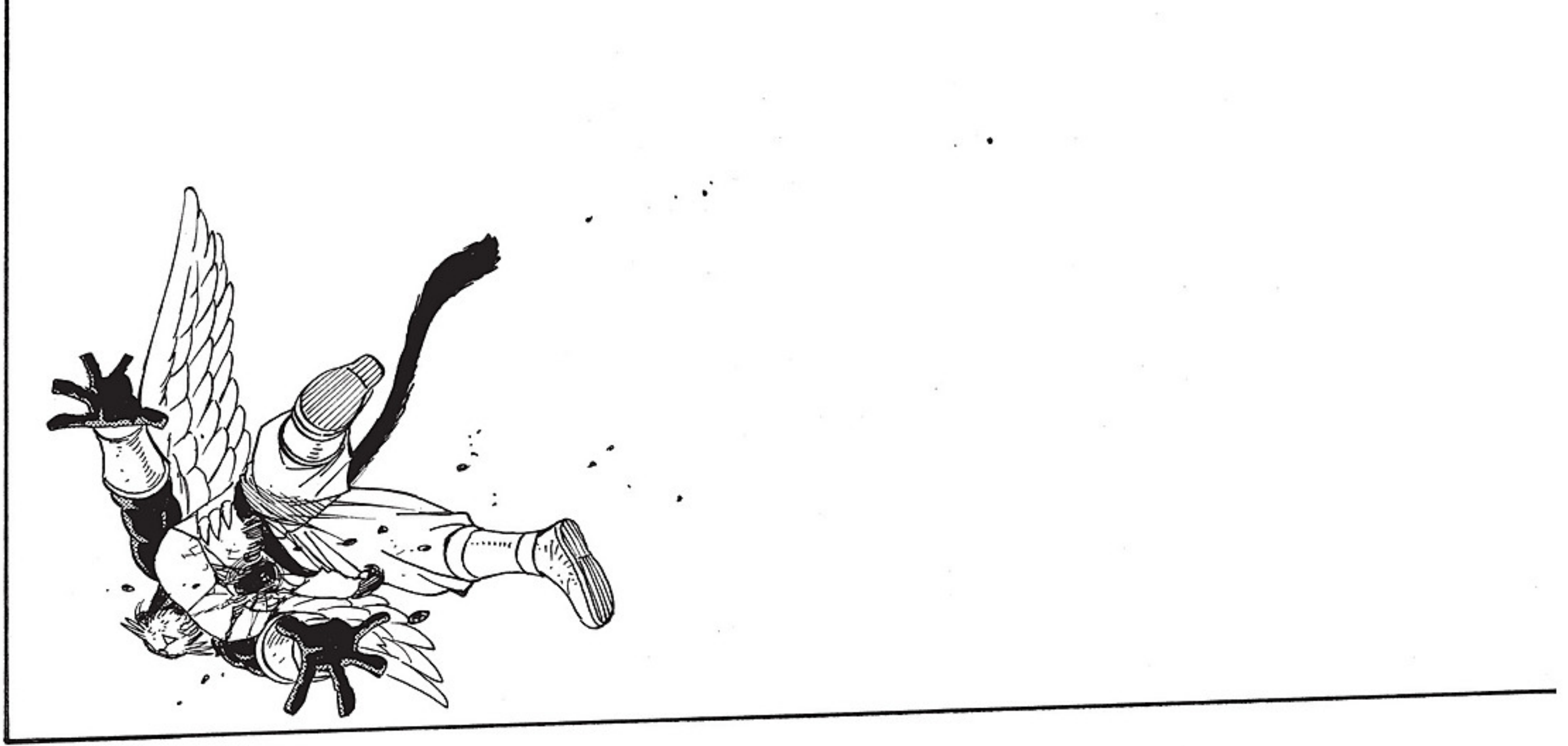


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Chapter 190: Dragon Sense





Leave that to me!!!

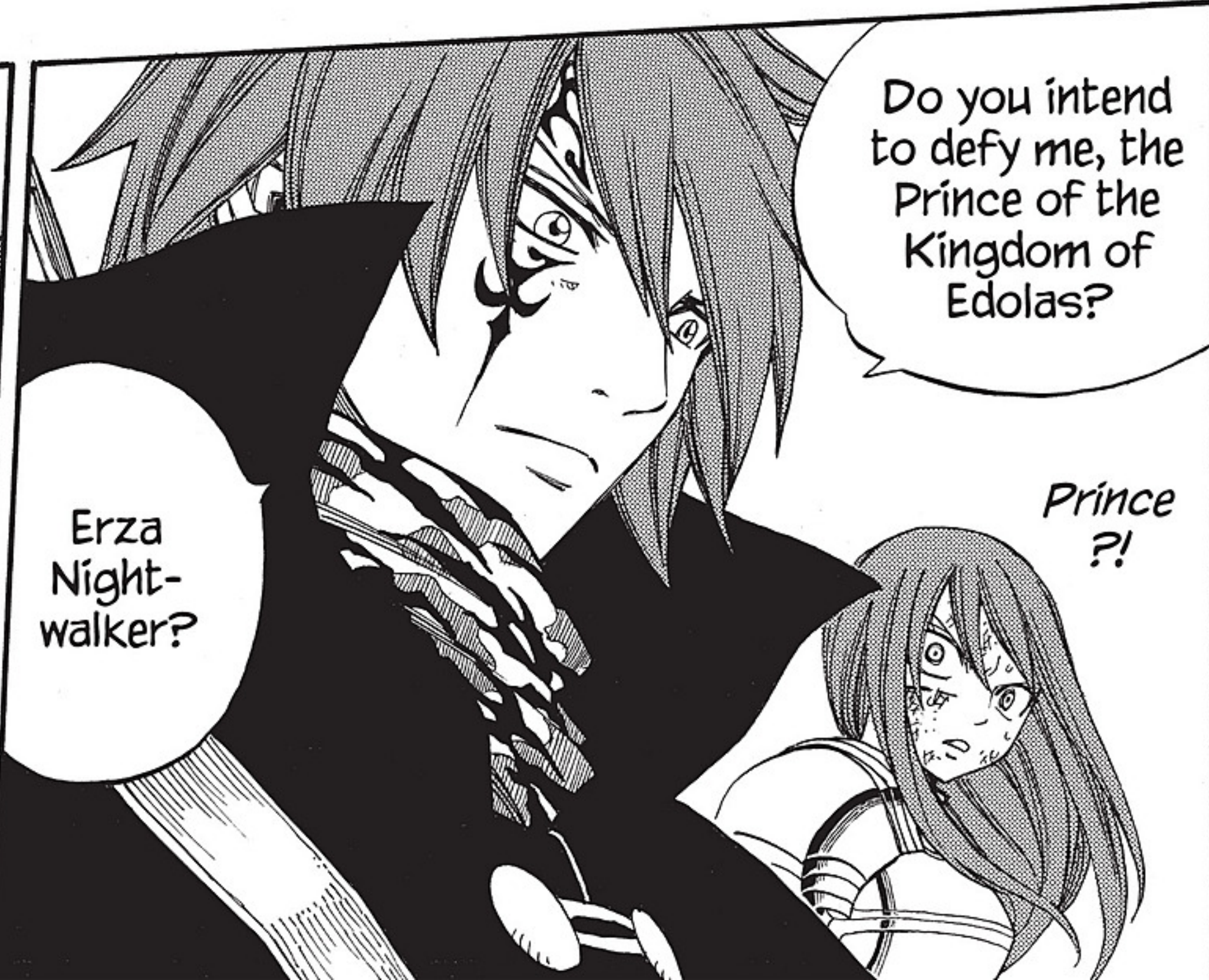
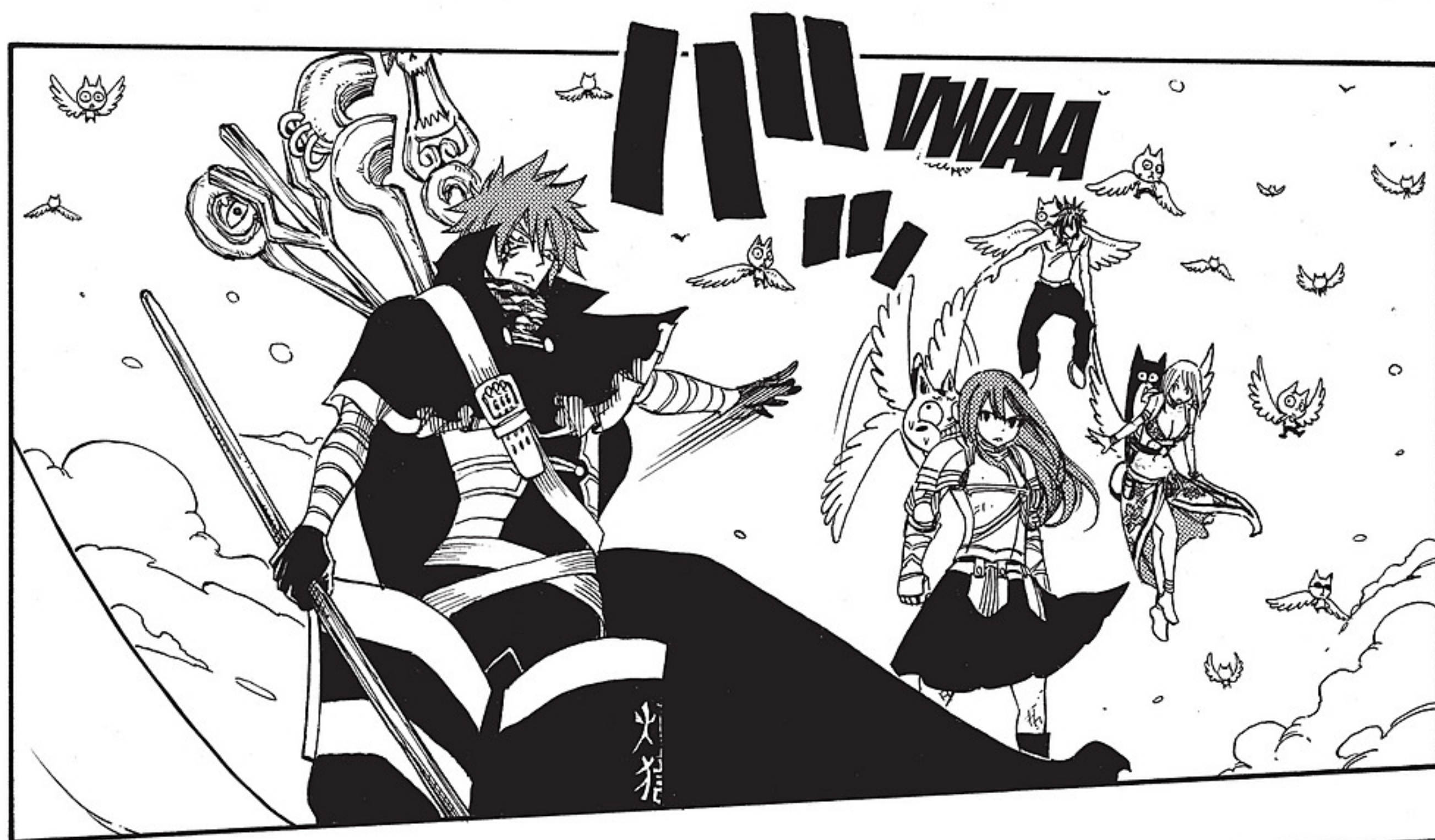
Somebody... Help Lily!!!

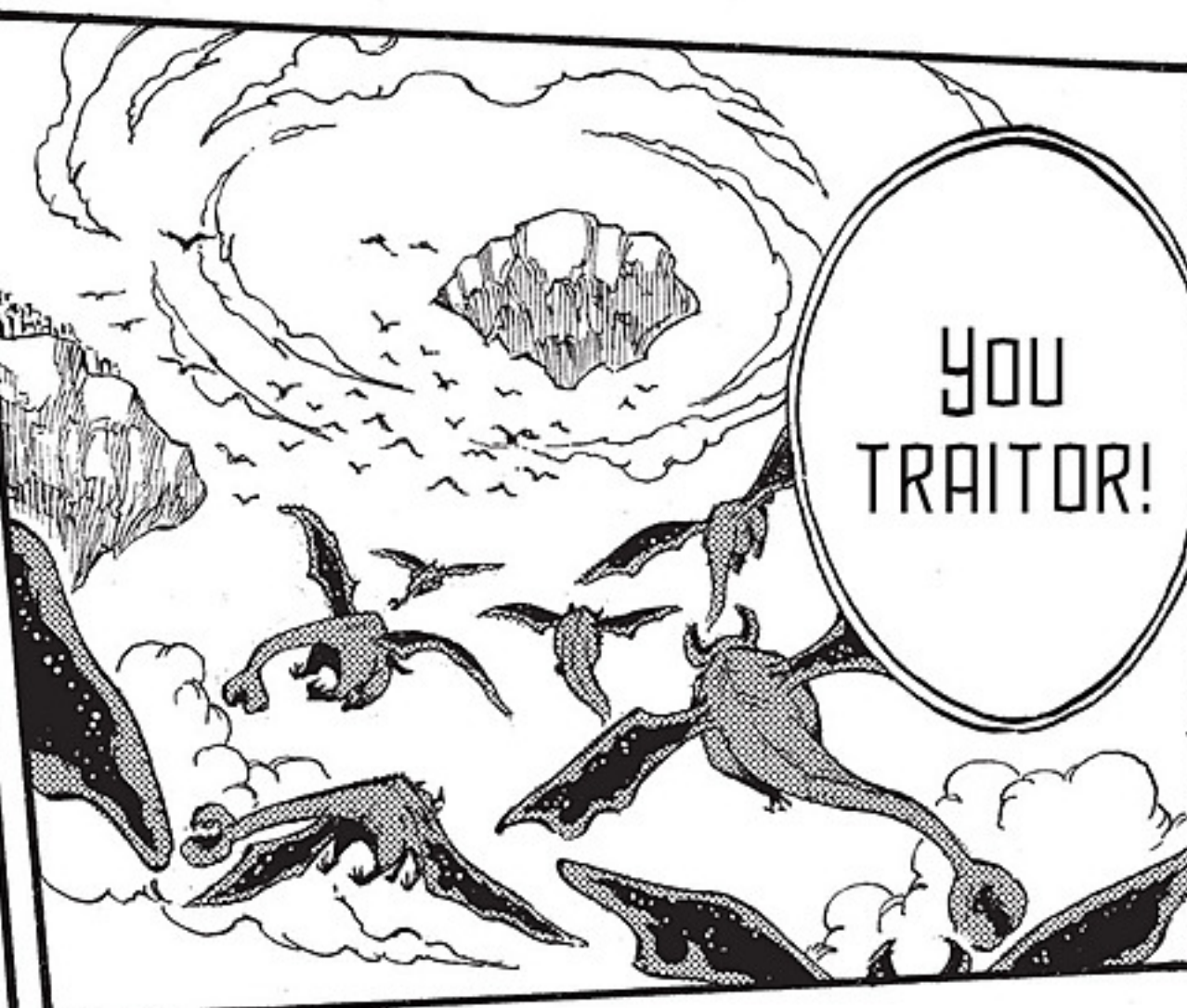
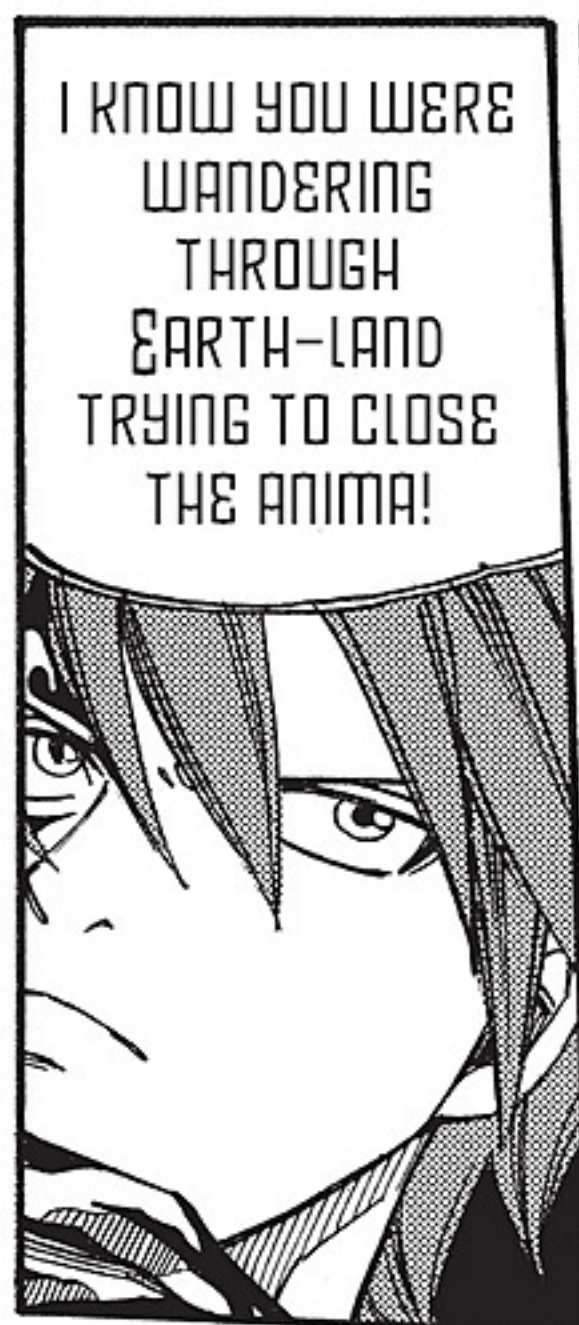


How could you...



It's the other Erza!







THIS IS VENGEANCE
AGAINST THOSE WHO
WOULD STAND AGAINST
THE KING... UNILATERAL
EXTERMINATION!

THIS ISN'T A
"FIGHT!"



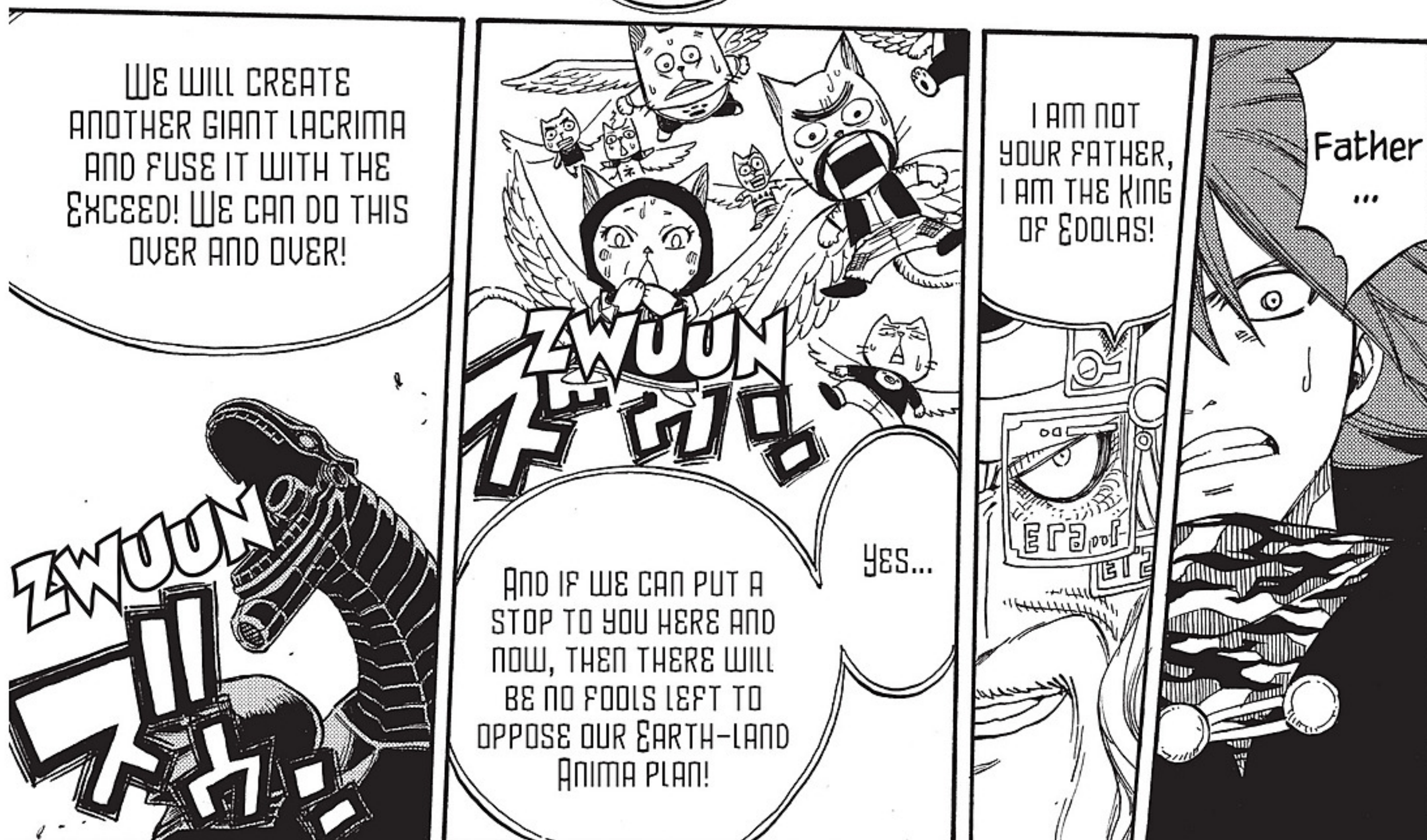
YOU'LL
VANISH
WITHOUT
A TRACE!

IF
YOU INTEND
TO STAND IN
OPPOSITION
...

...EVEN YOU
WILL BE
WIPE OUT!

Wh-
What's that
mean...
?!!

!!!



WE WILL CREATE
ANOTHER GIANT LACRIMA
AND FUSE IT WITH THE
EXCEED! WE CAN DO THIS
OVER AND OVER!

AND IF WE CAN PUT A
STOP TO YOU HERE AND
NOW, THEN THERE WILL
BE NO FOOLS LEFT TO
OPPOSE OUR EARTH-LAND
ANIMA PLAN!

YES...

I AM NOT
YOUR FATHER,
I AM THE KING
OF EDDOLAS!

Father
...

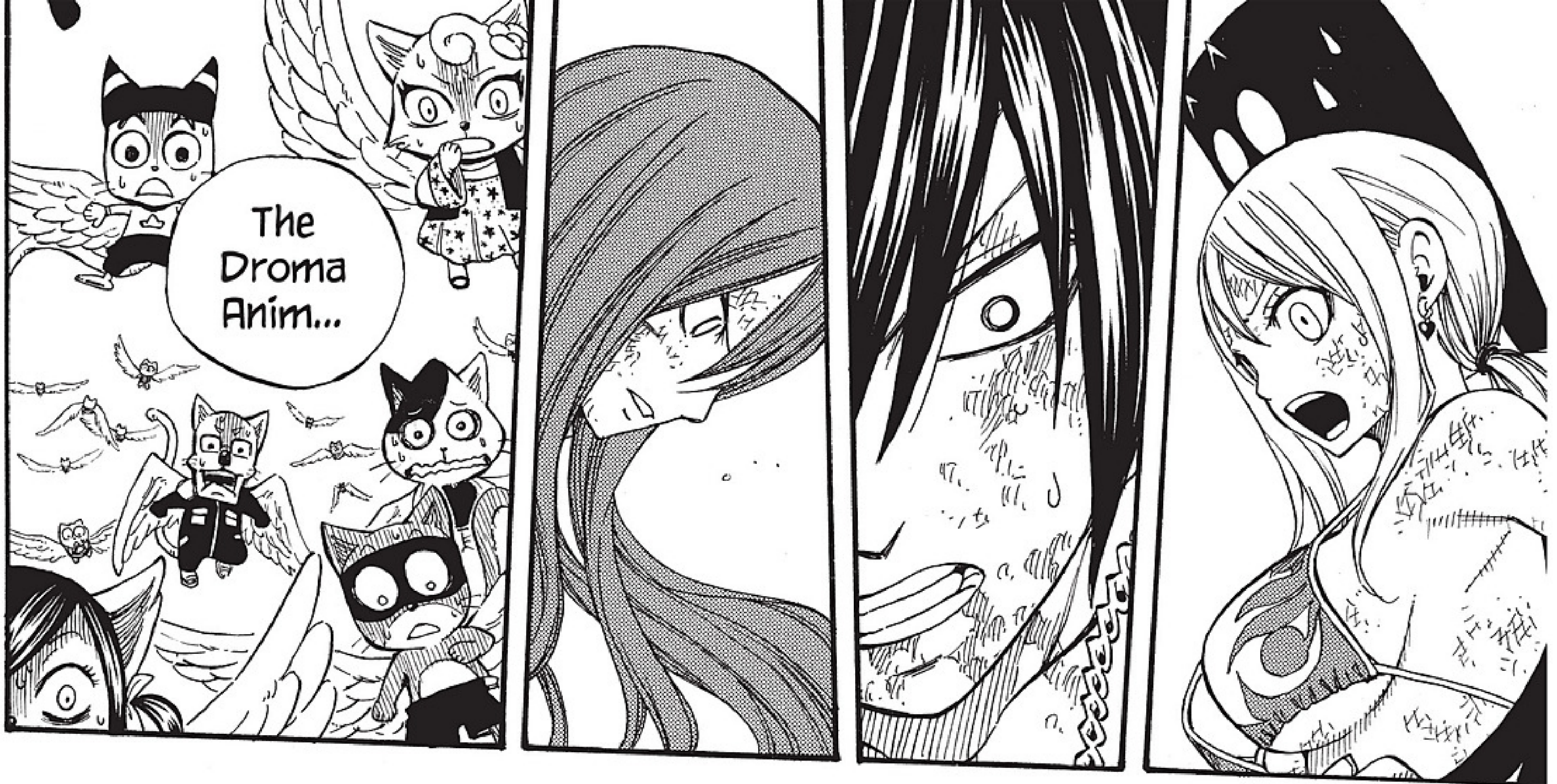


The
power
of the
king is
absolute
!!!!

Wa ha ha ha
ha ha!!!!
There is
nothing
the King
cannot
do!!!!

ROOAAAR

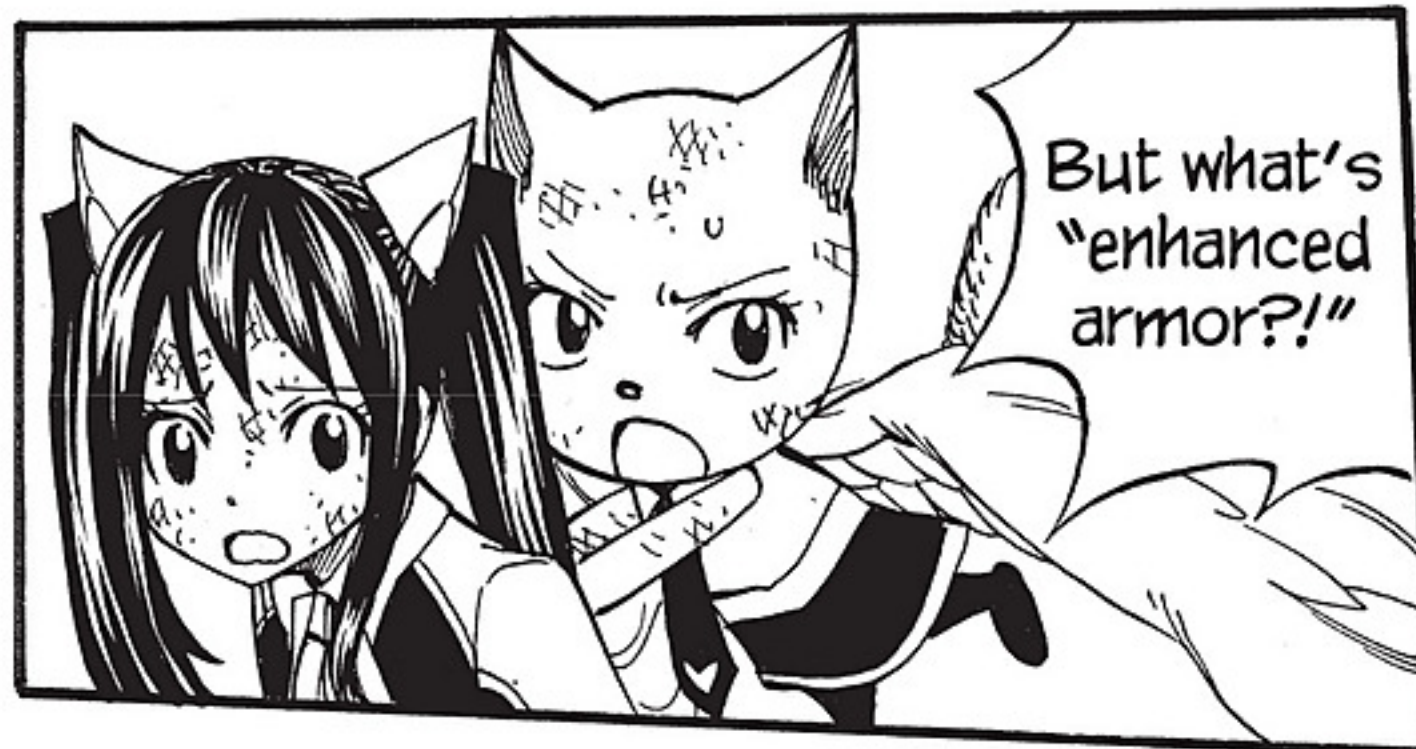
ROOAAAR



So it's an
enhanced
armored
dragon?!



Droma
Anim... In our
language it
means Dragon
Knight!

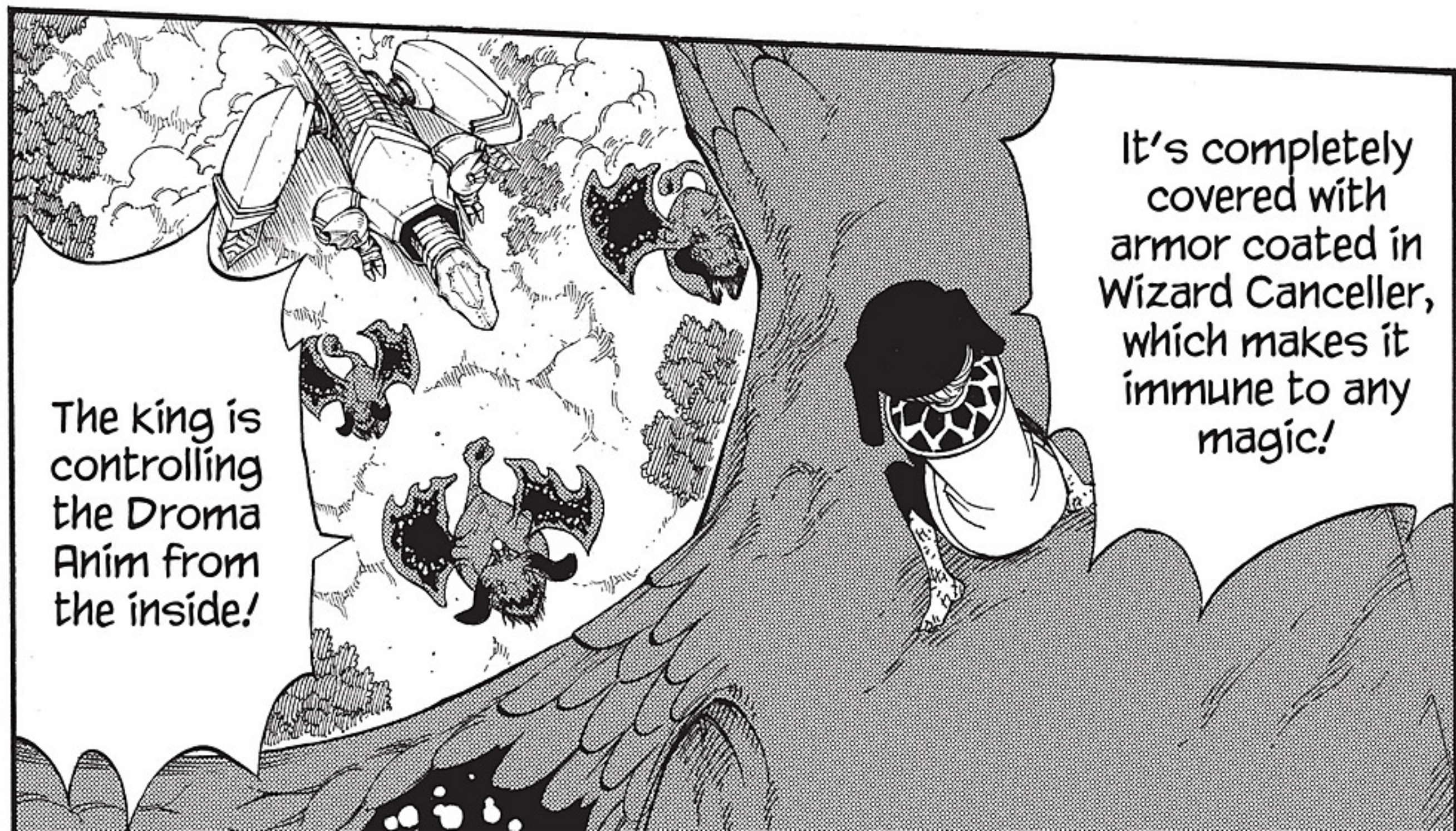


But what's
"enhanced
armor?!"



It *does*
kind of
look like
one...

A
dragon
...



The king is
controlling
the Droma
Anim from
the inside!

It's completely
covered with
armor coated in
Wizard Cancellor,
which makes it
immune to any
magic!



You have to survive !!!

Now, Chagot!! Let's go!

Every-body...!! Get out of here...!!



This is terrible!!

We'll be turned into lacrima if we're caught!

Get away from here!!!

WAAH!



Right!!!!

BWOOOOOOO

Get them!!!!



The only thing to do is to fight it while dodging its attacks!! The Exceed are helpless right now!!! We have to protect them!!



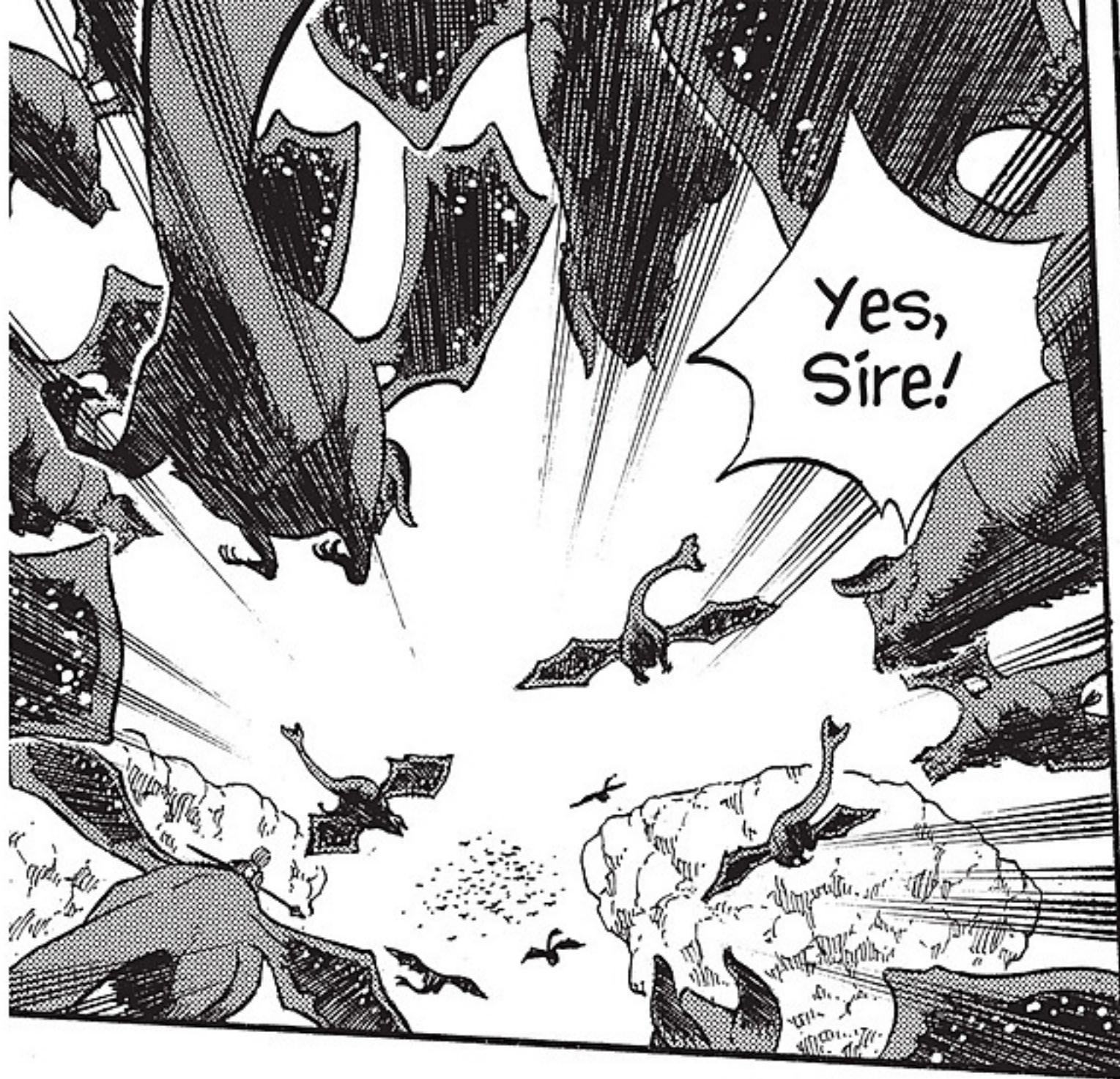
How do we take down that huge thing, though?

Right!

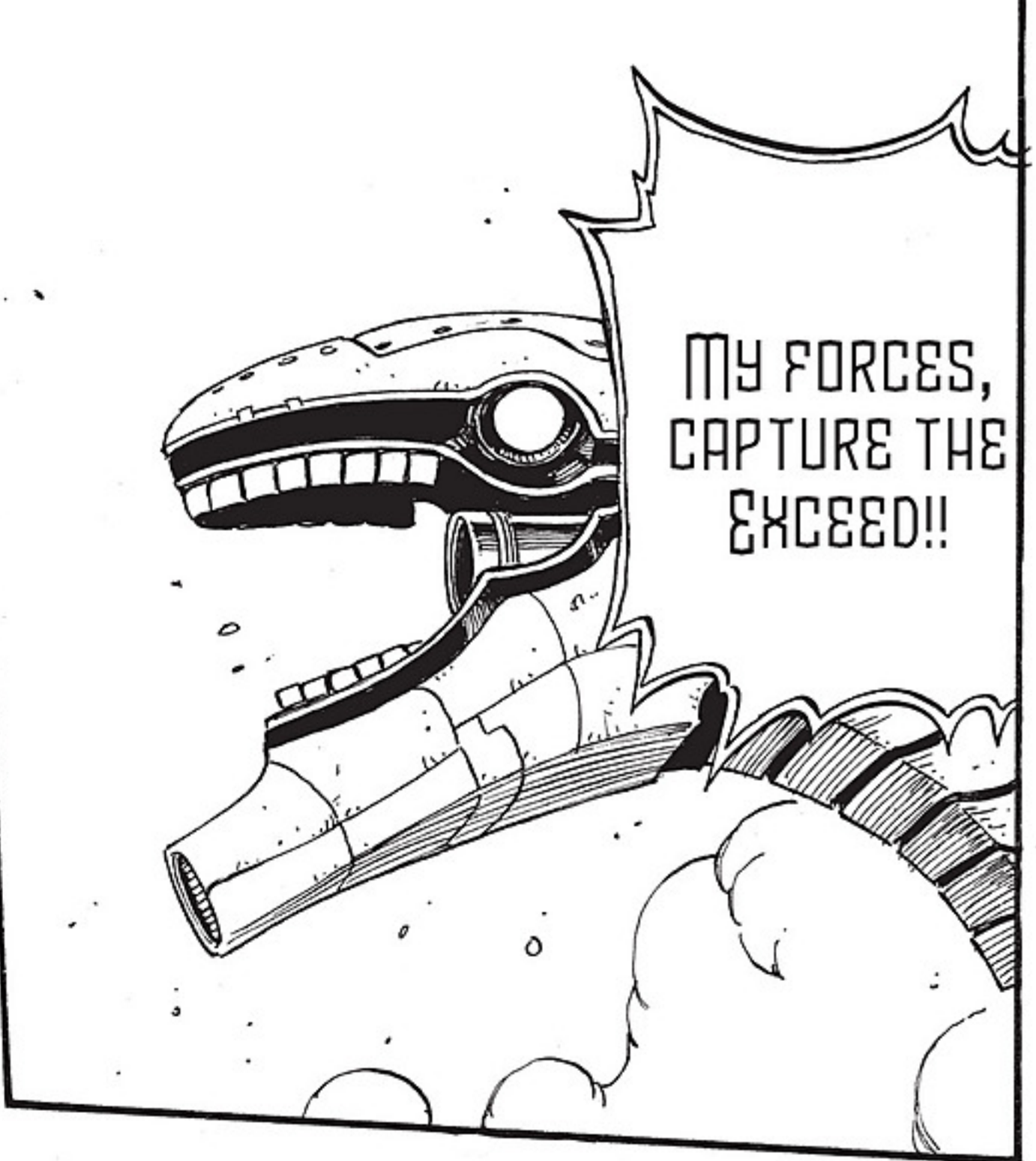
Attack Night-walker and her troops!

We have to protect the Exceed from the royal forces!!

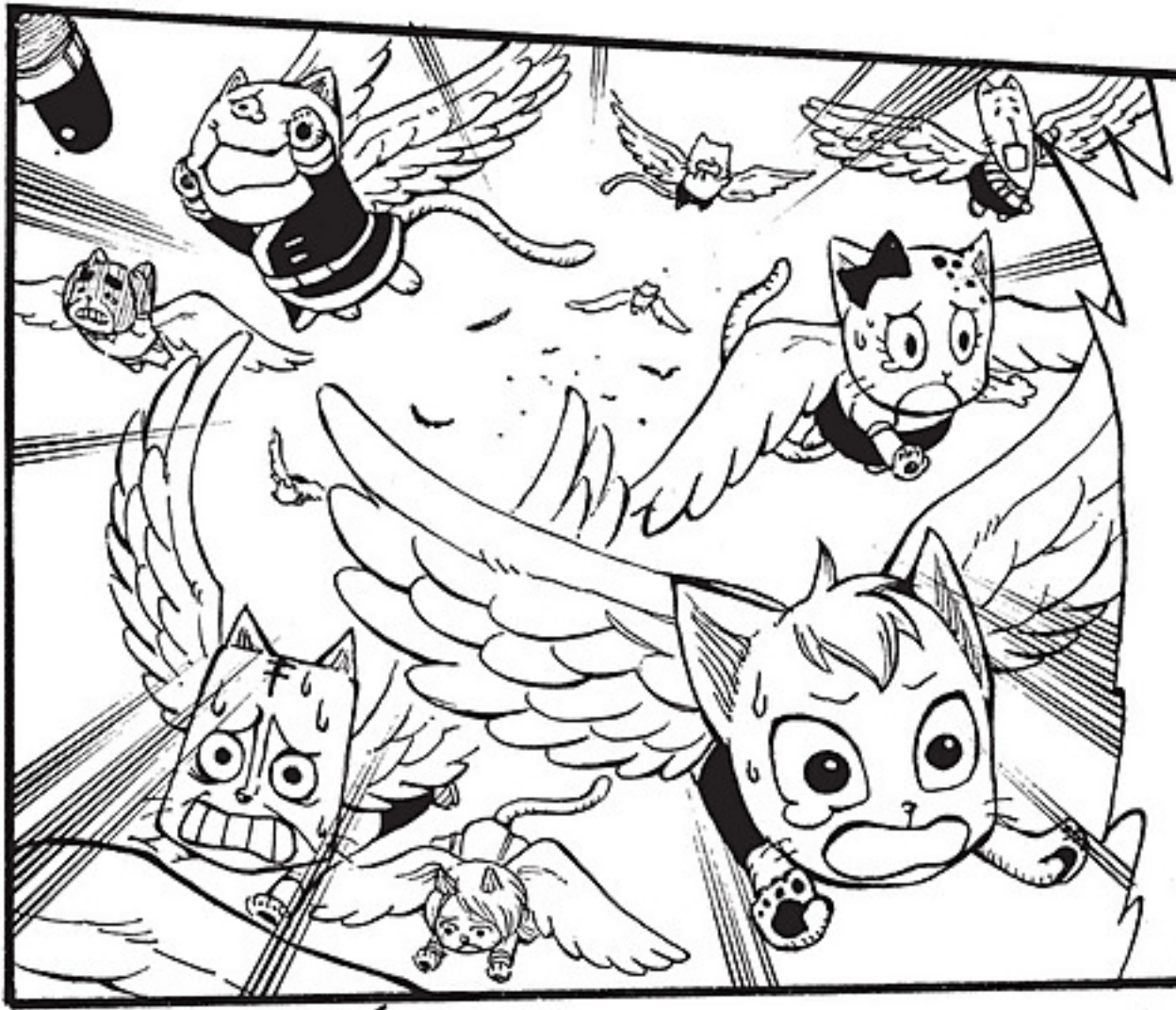
You don't stand a chance against it! It's immune to magic!



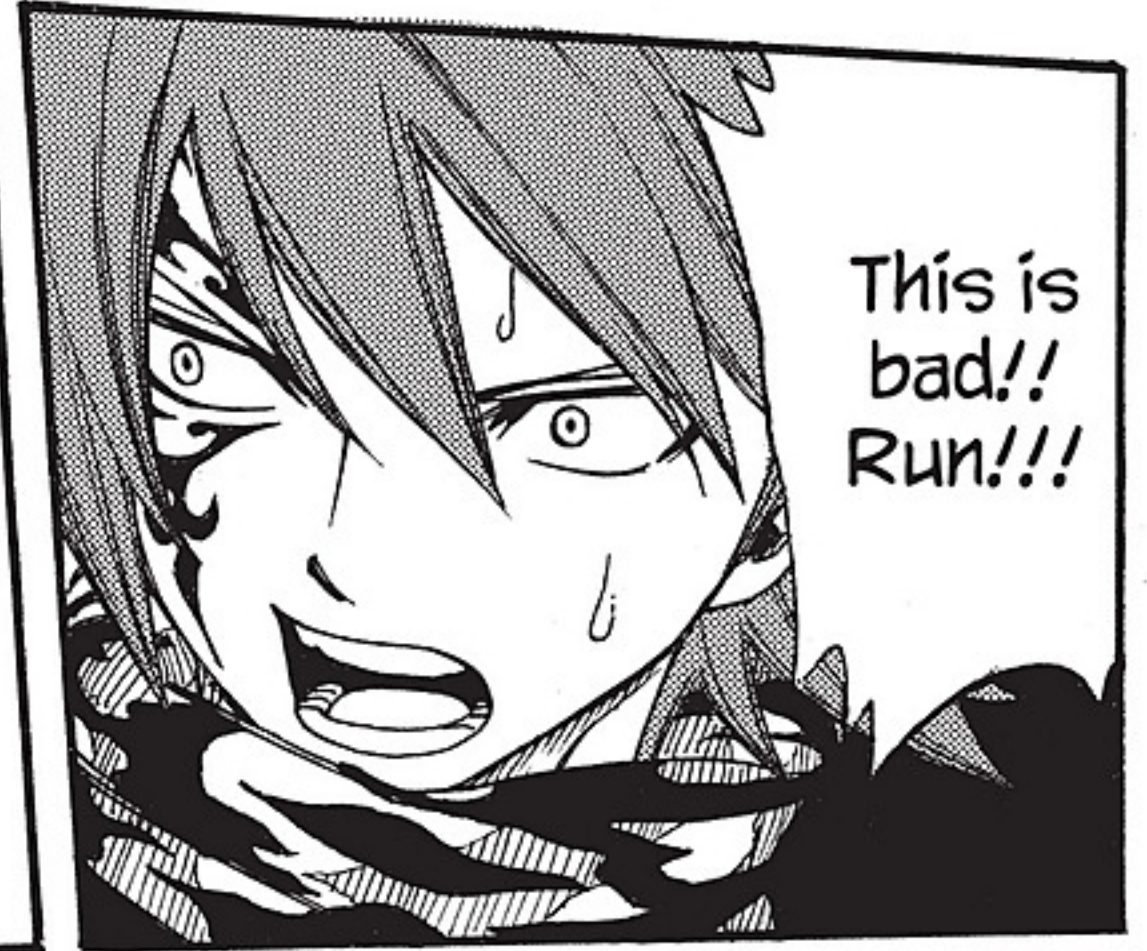
Yes,
Sire!



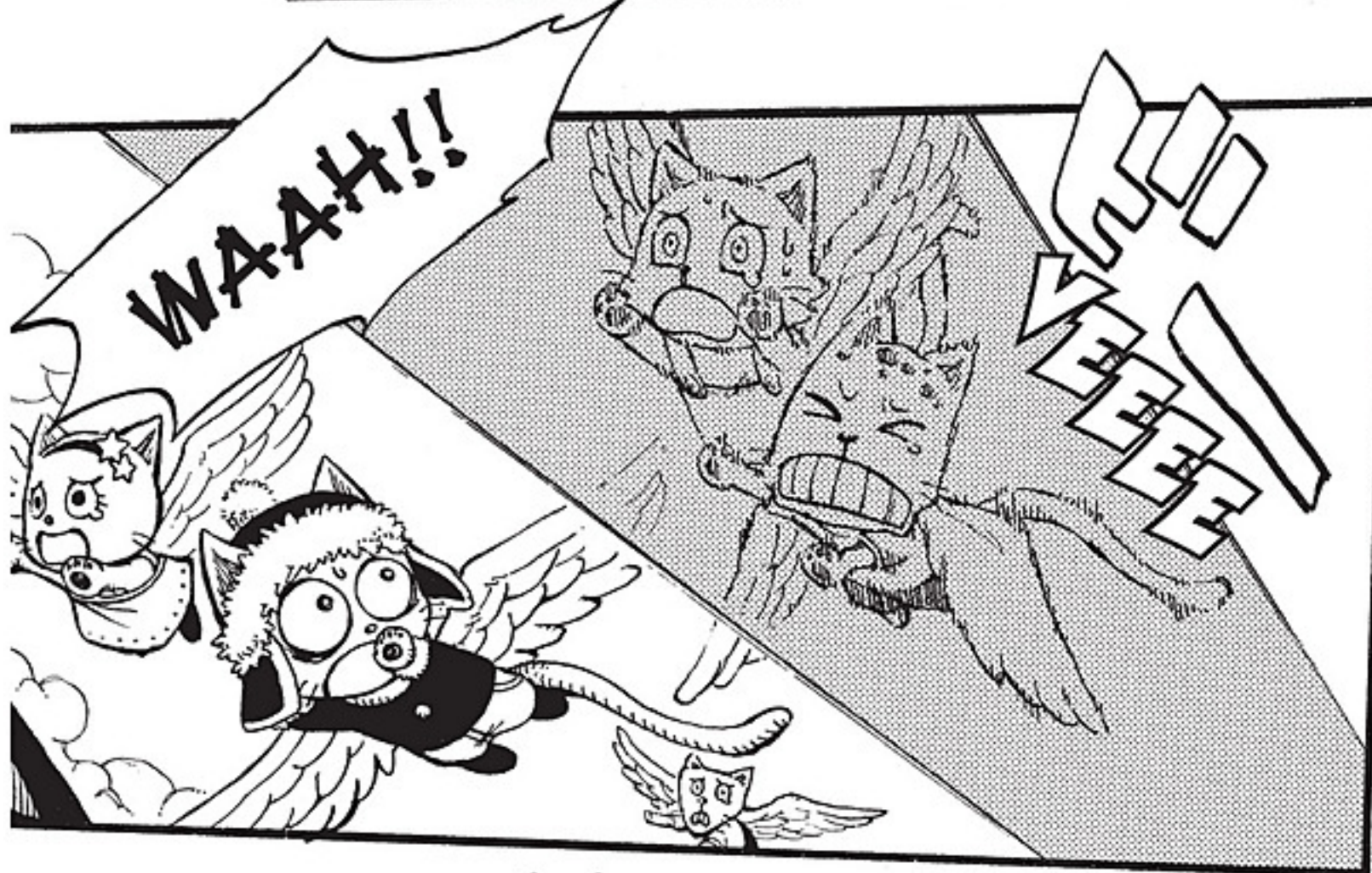
MY FORCES,
CAPTURE THE
EXCEED!!



WAAAAAH!



This is
bad!!
Run!!!

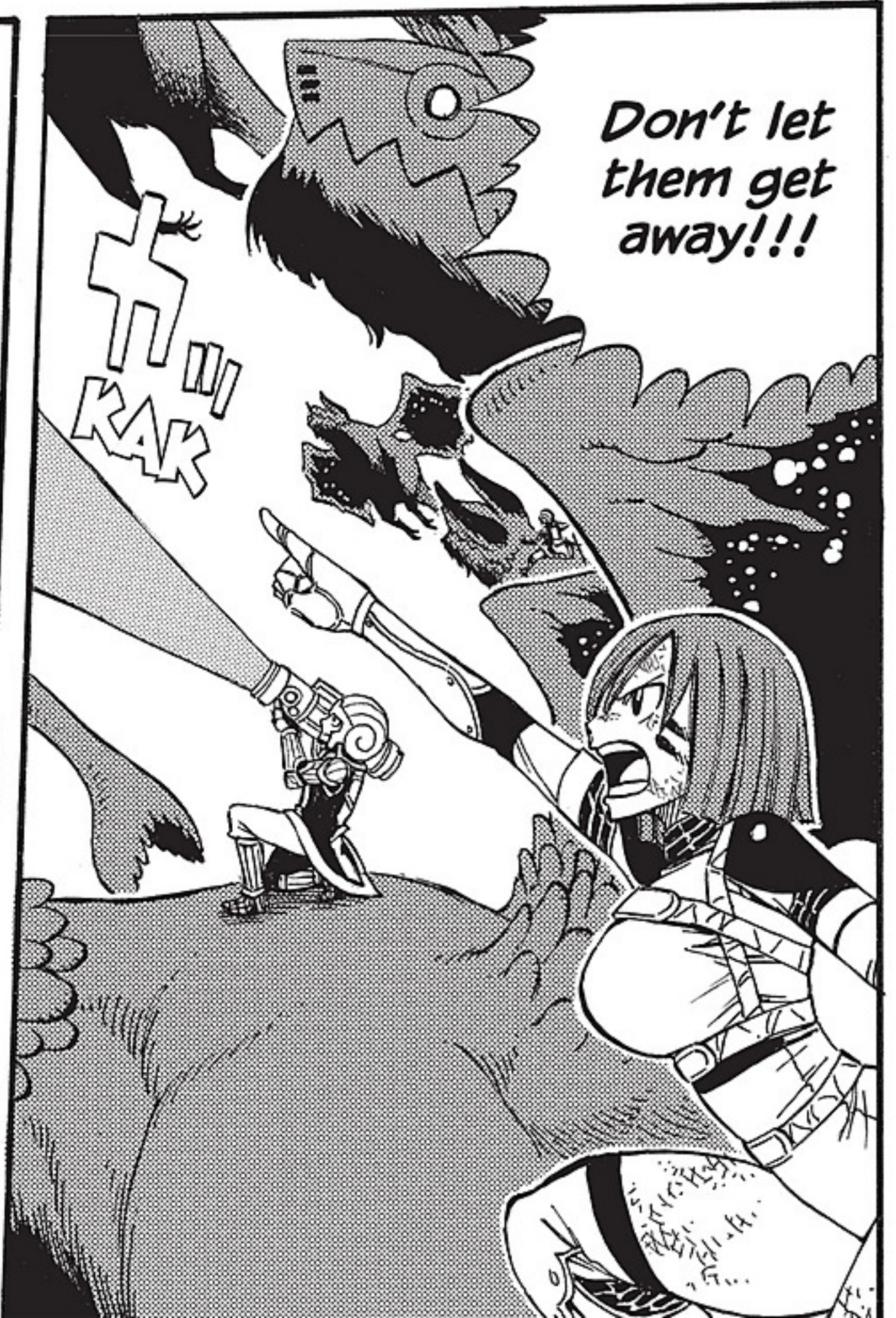


WAAH!!

VEEE

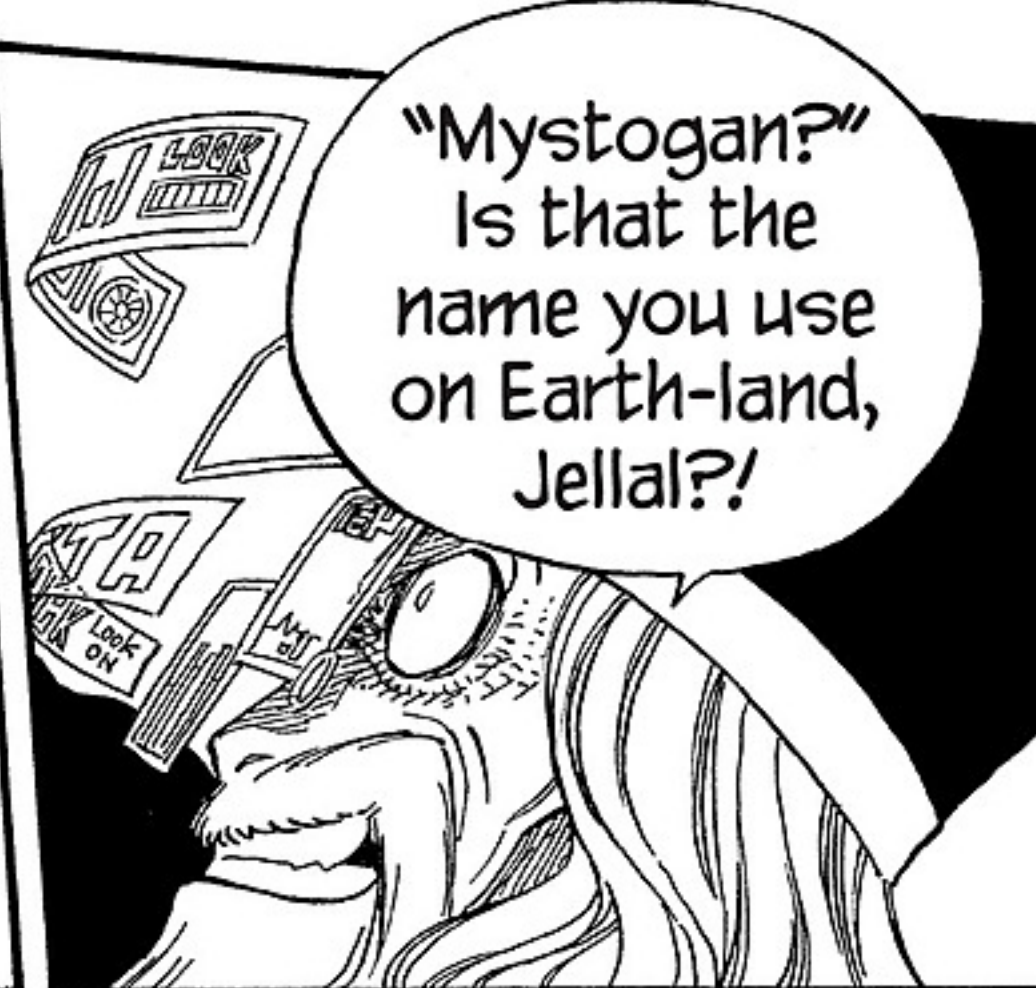
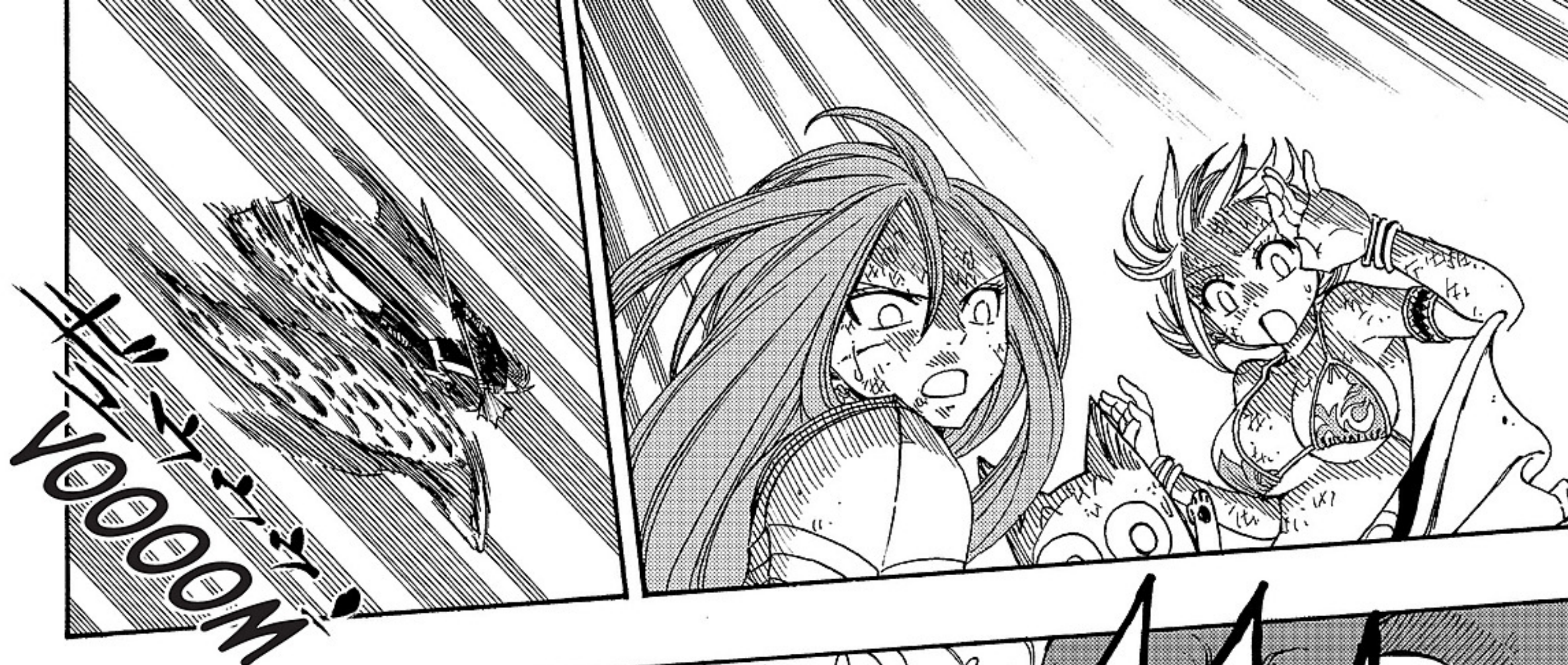


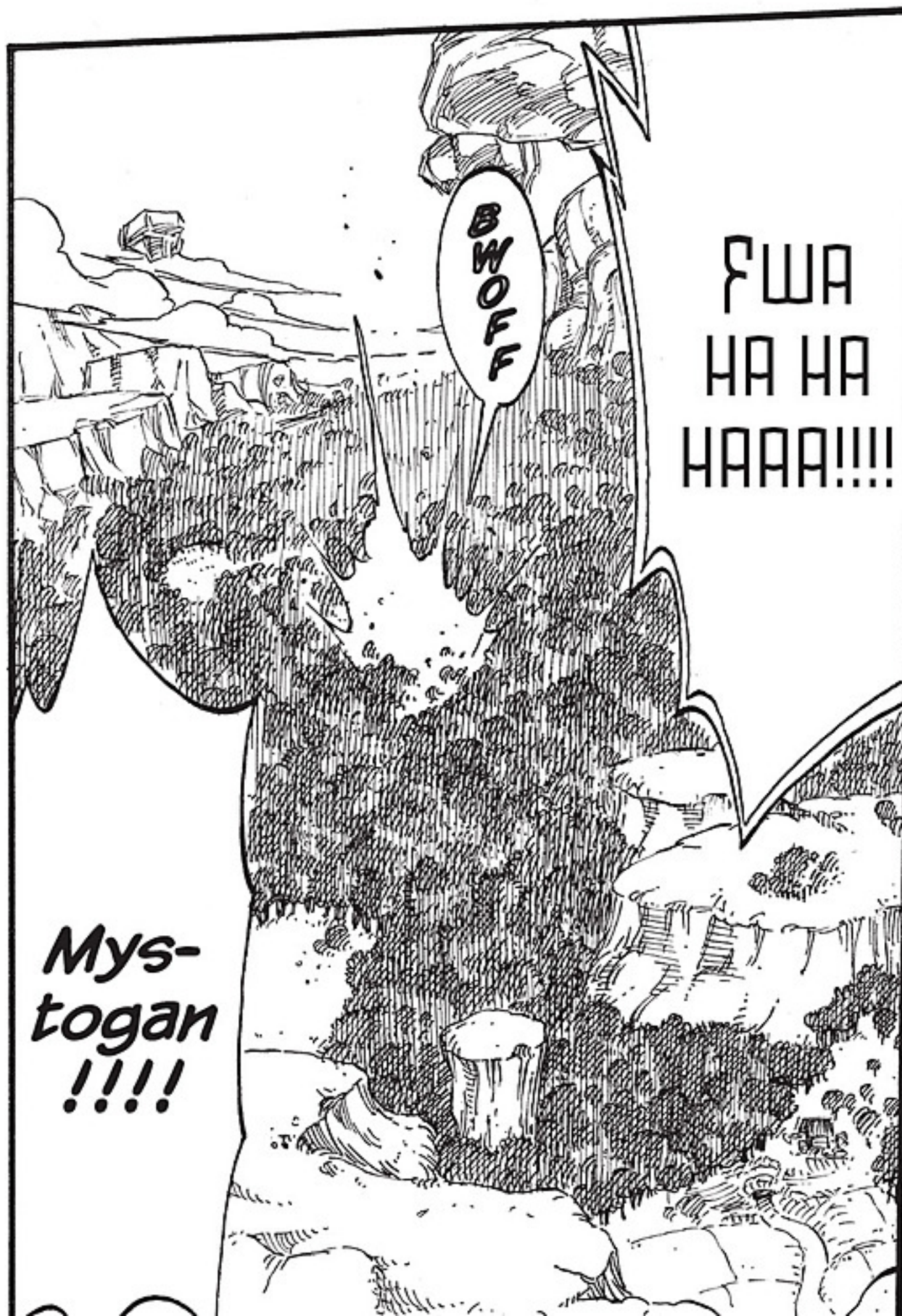
POF
F

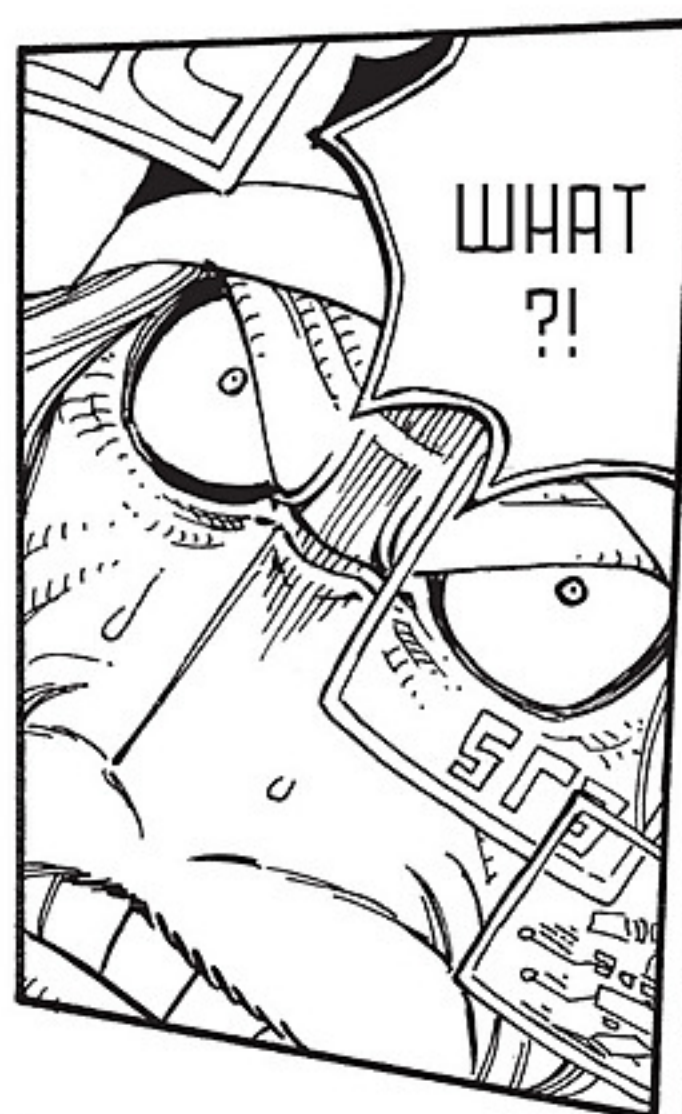
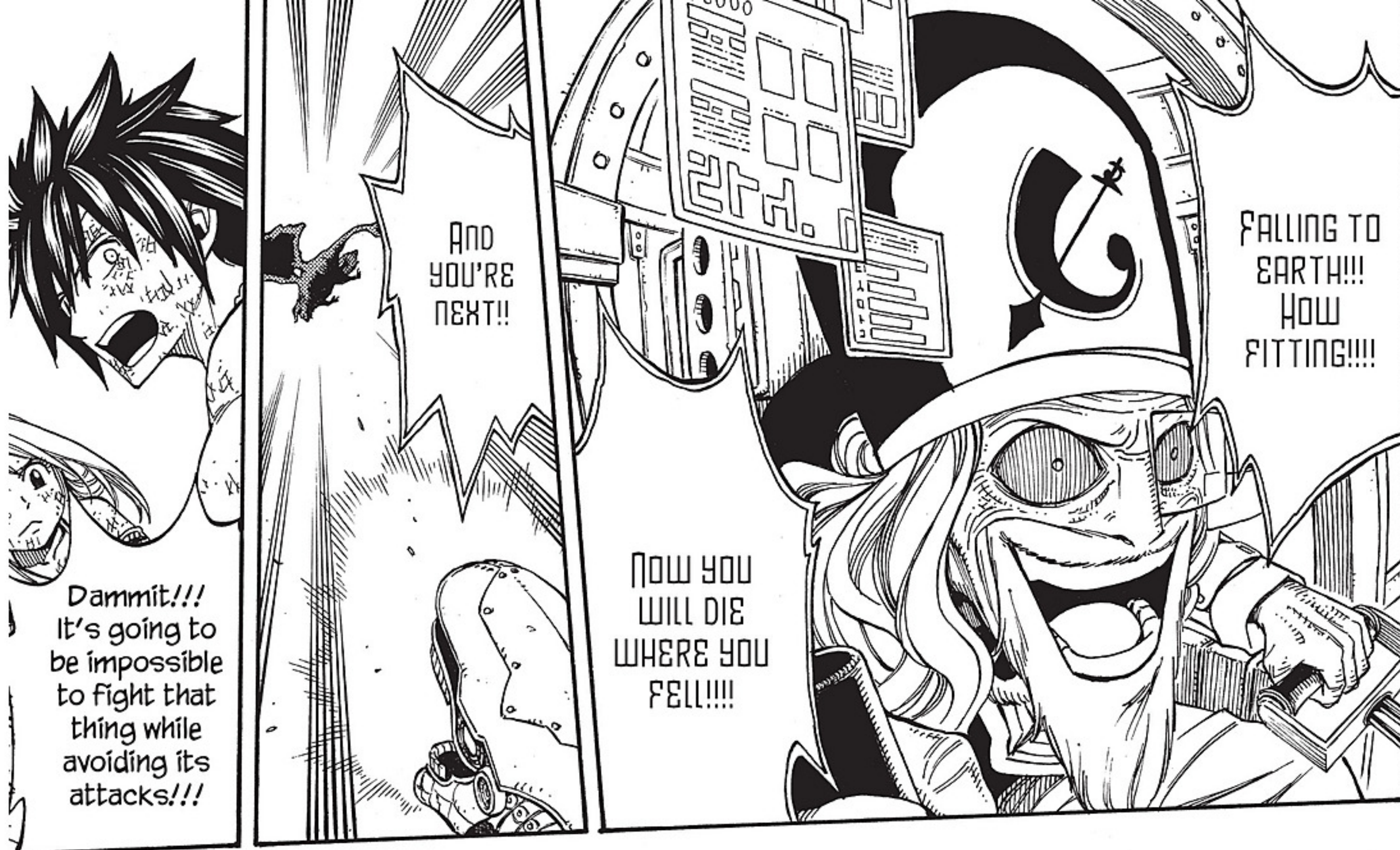


Don't let
them get
away!!!

KAK
KAK

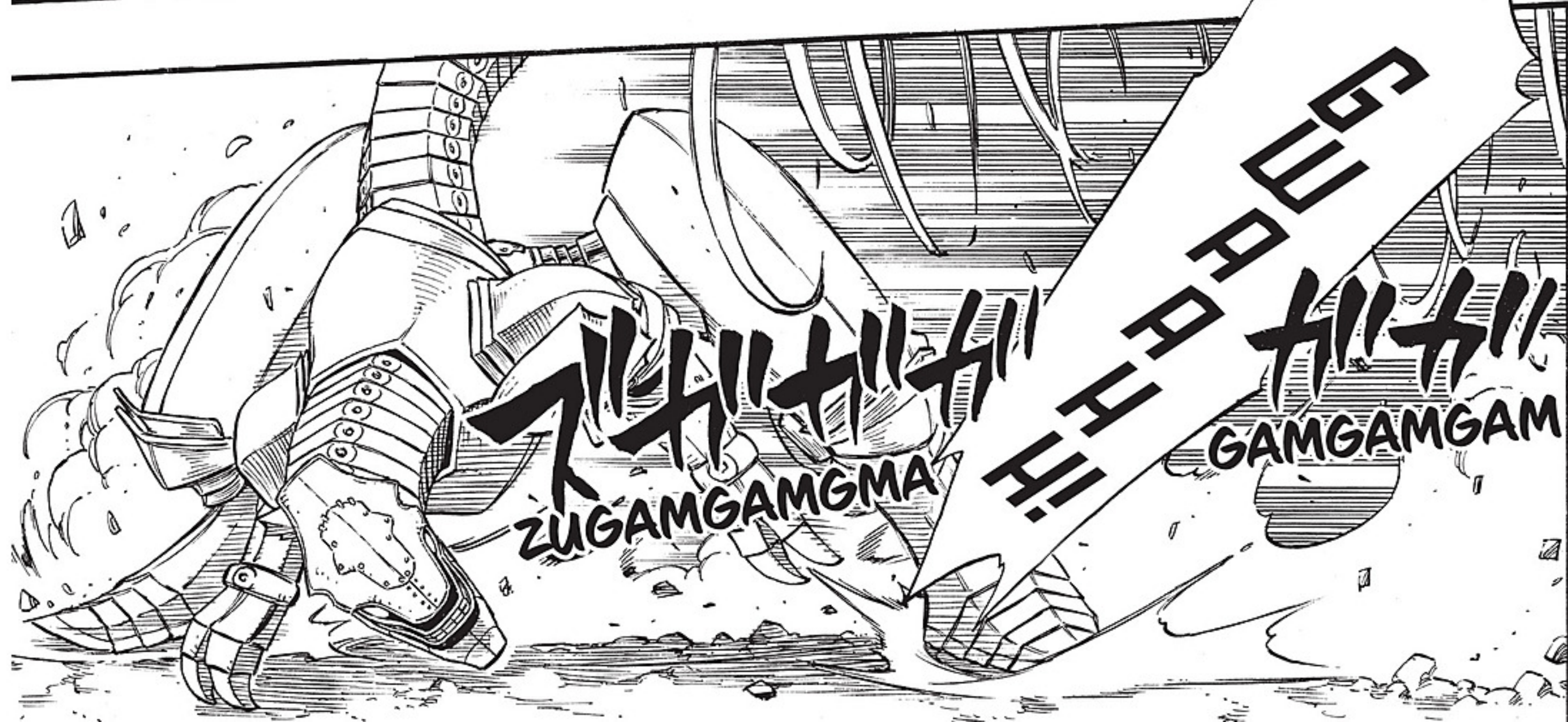


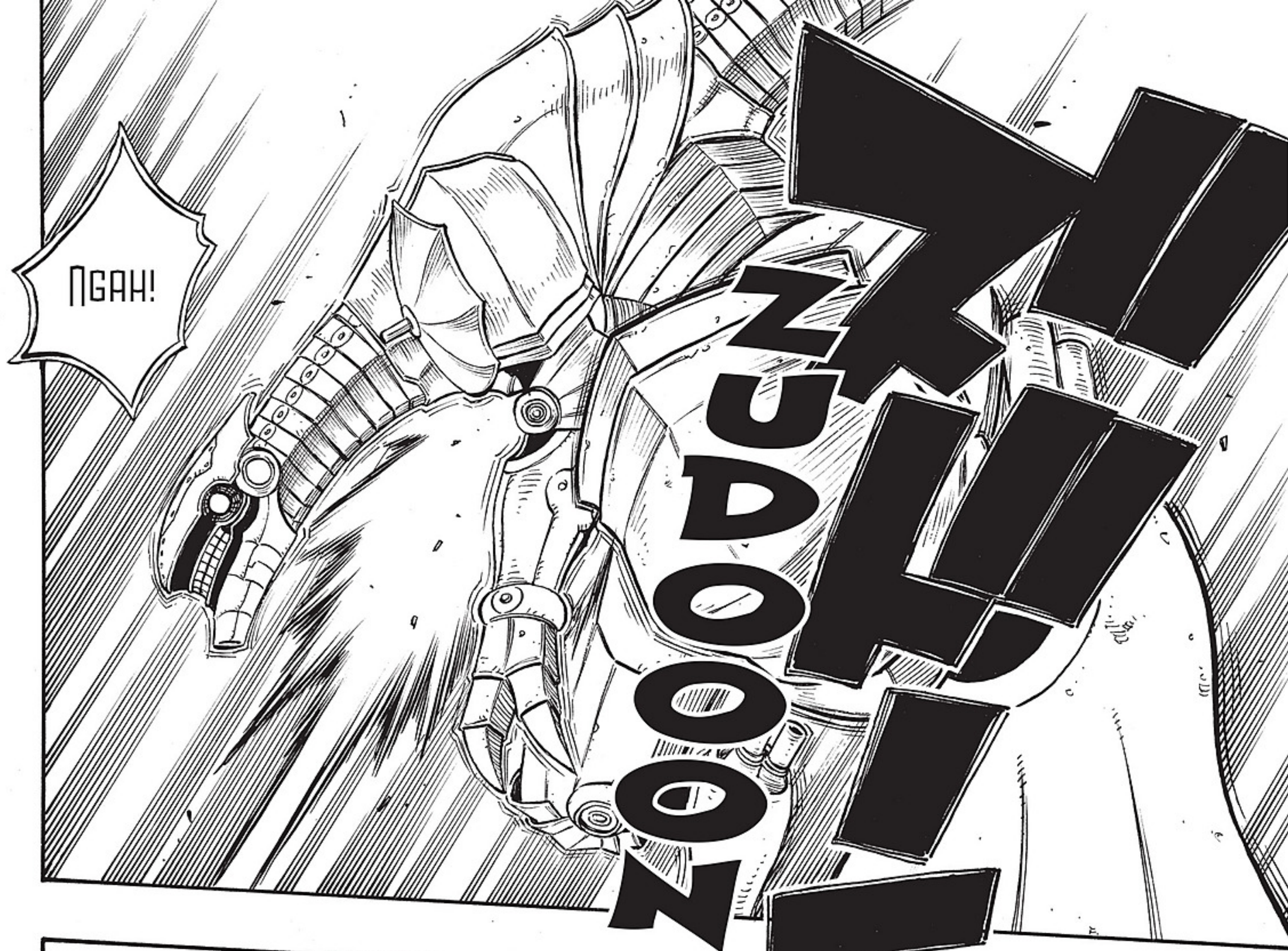




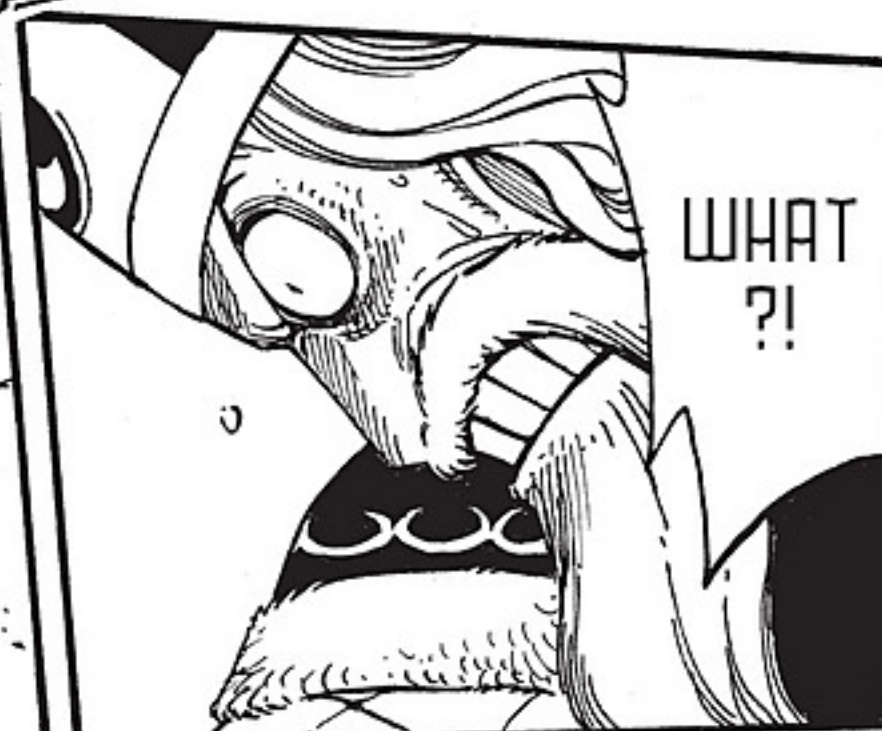
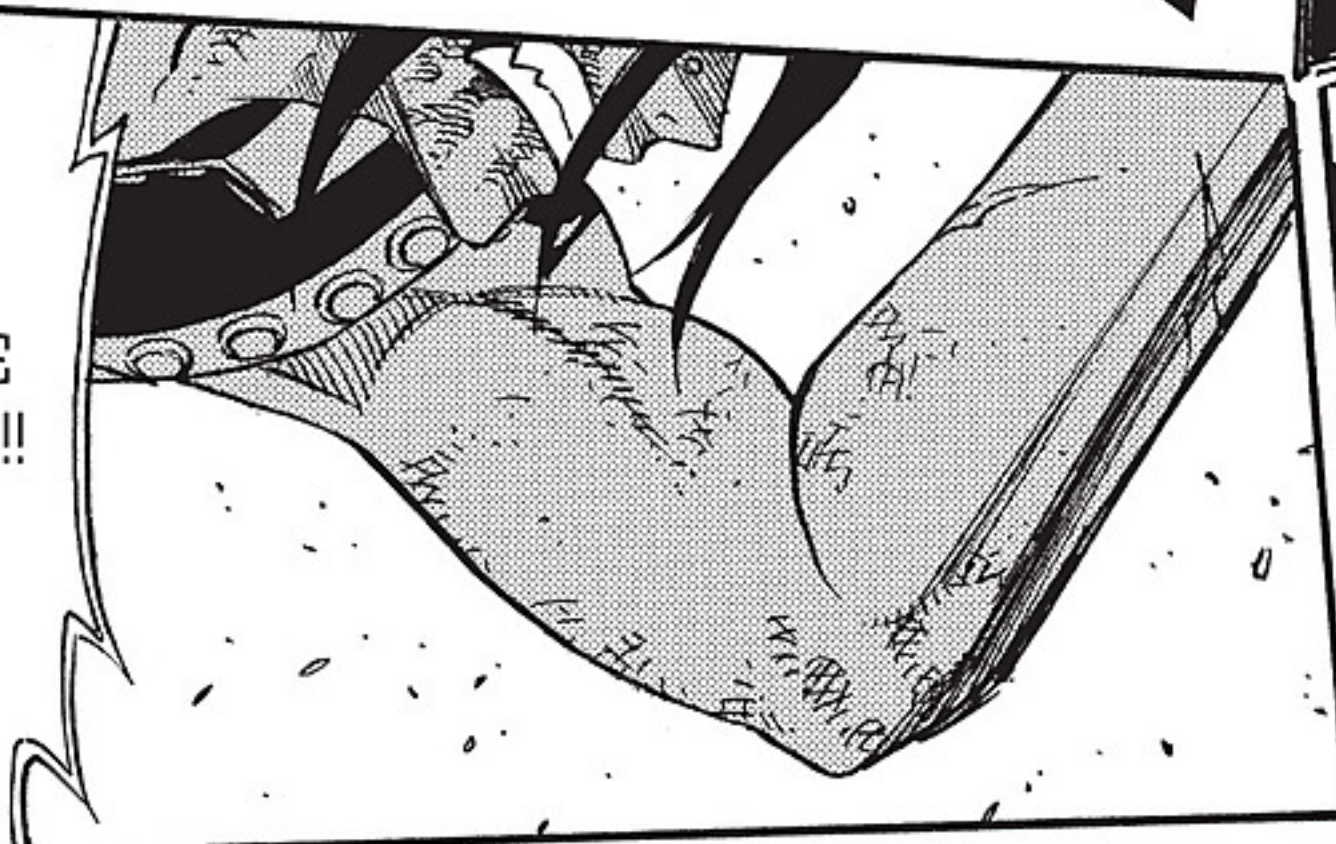


*Sky Dragon's Roar

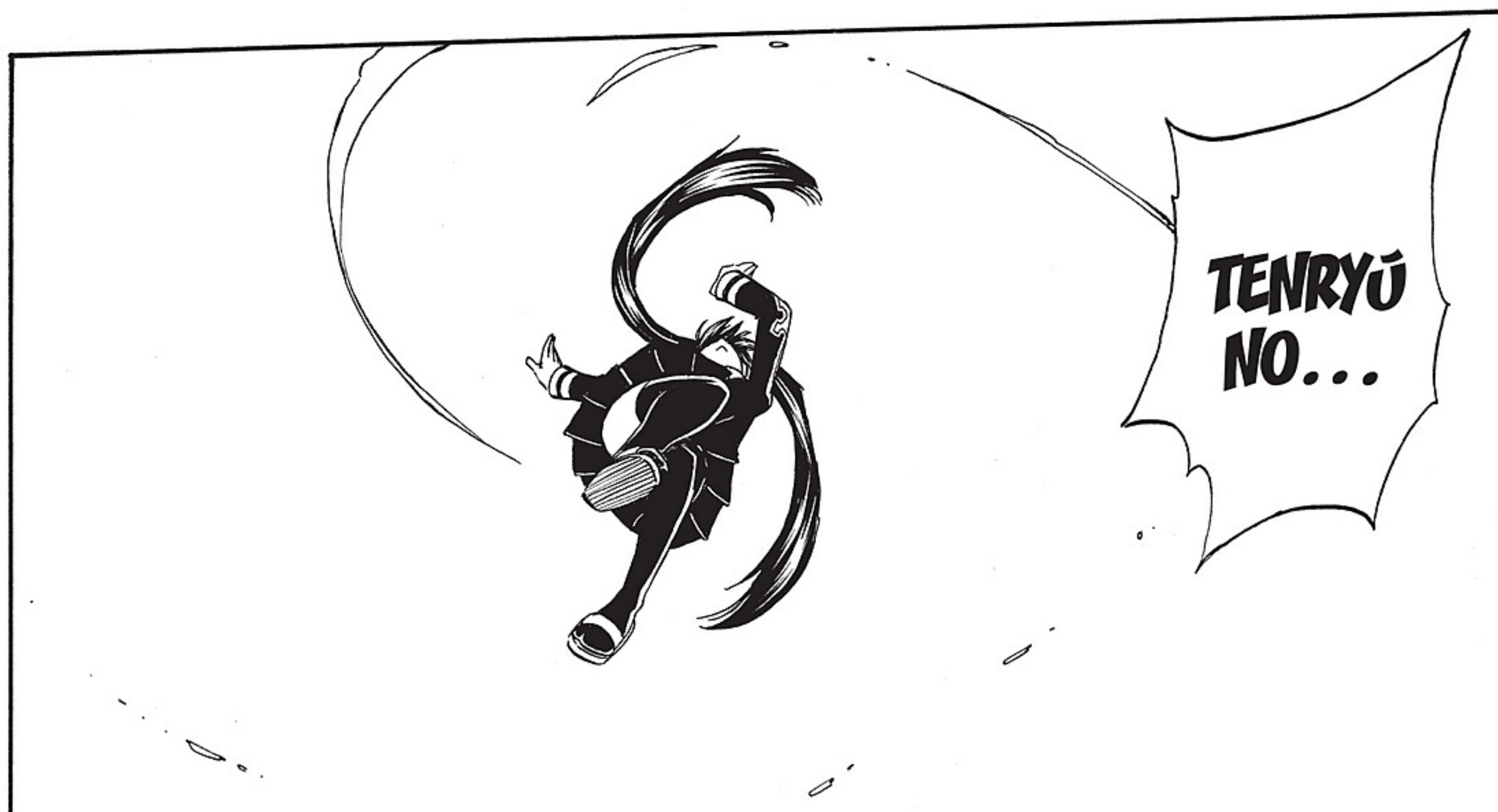




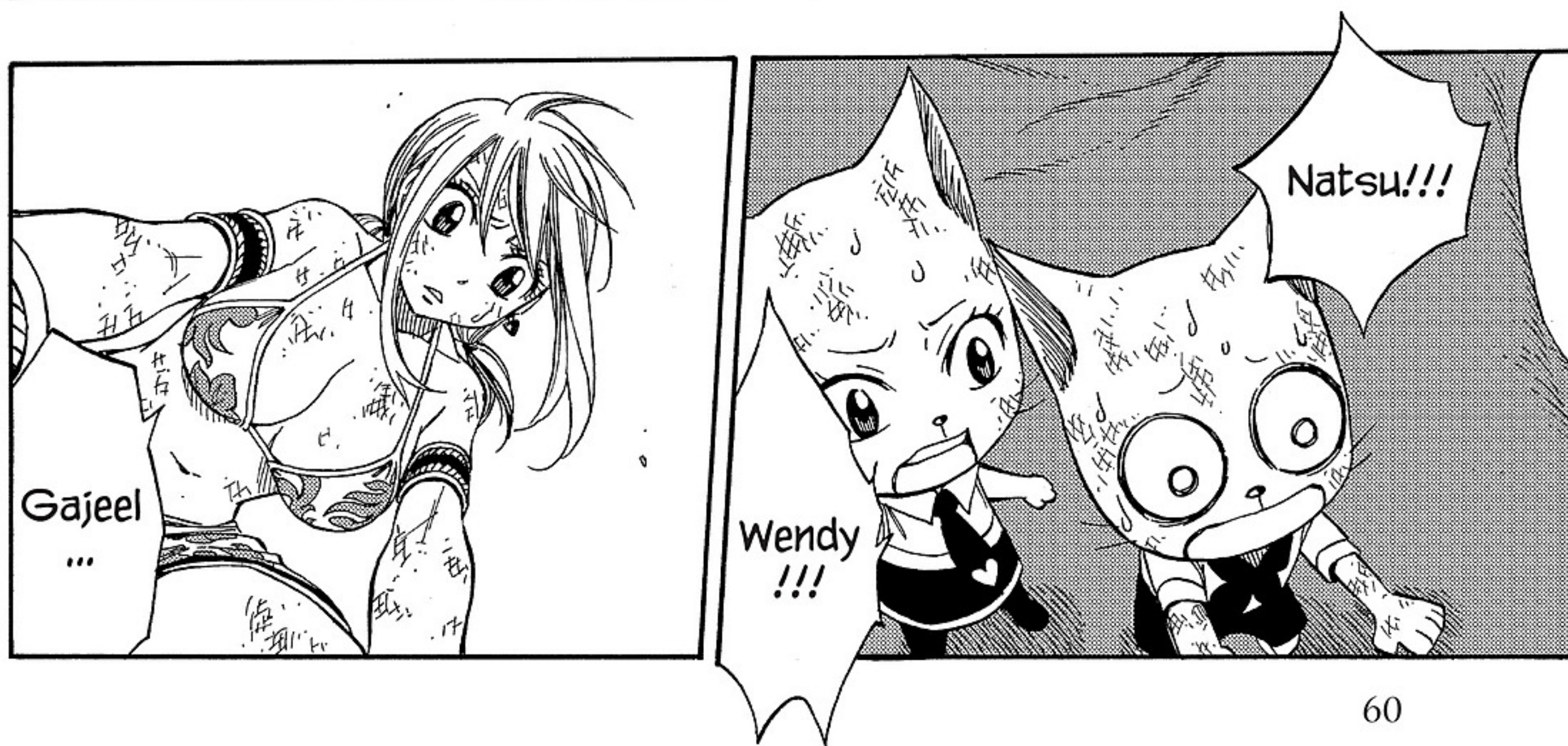
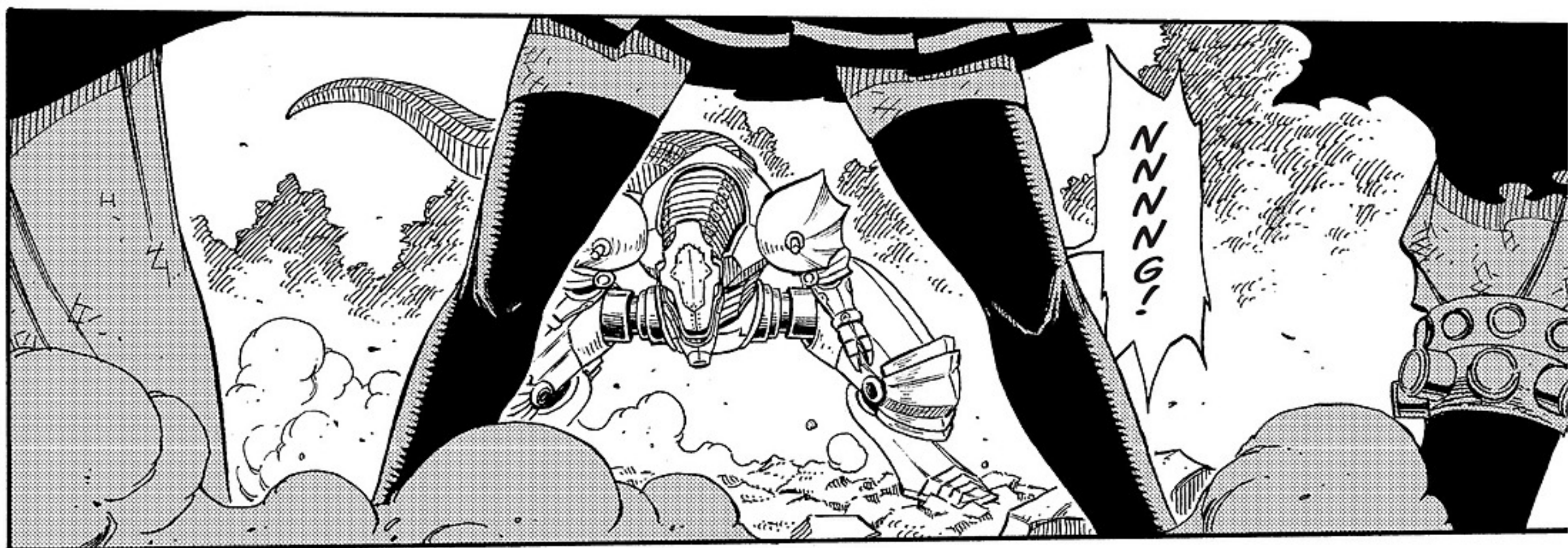
MAGIC
SHOULDN'T
WORK ON THE
DROMA ANIM!!!
SO WHO IS
ATTACKING
IT...?

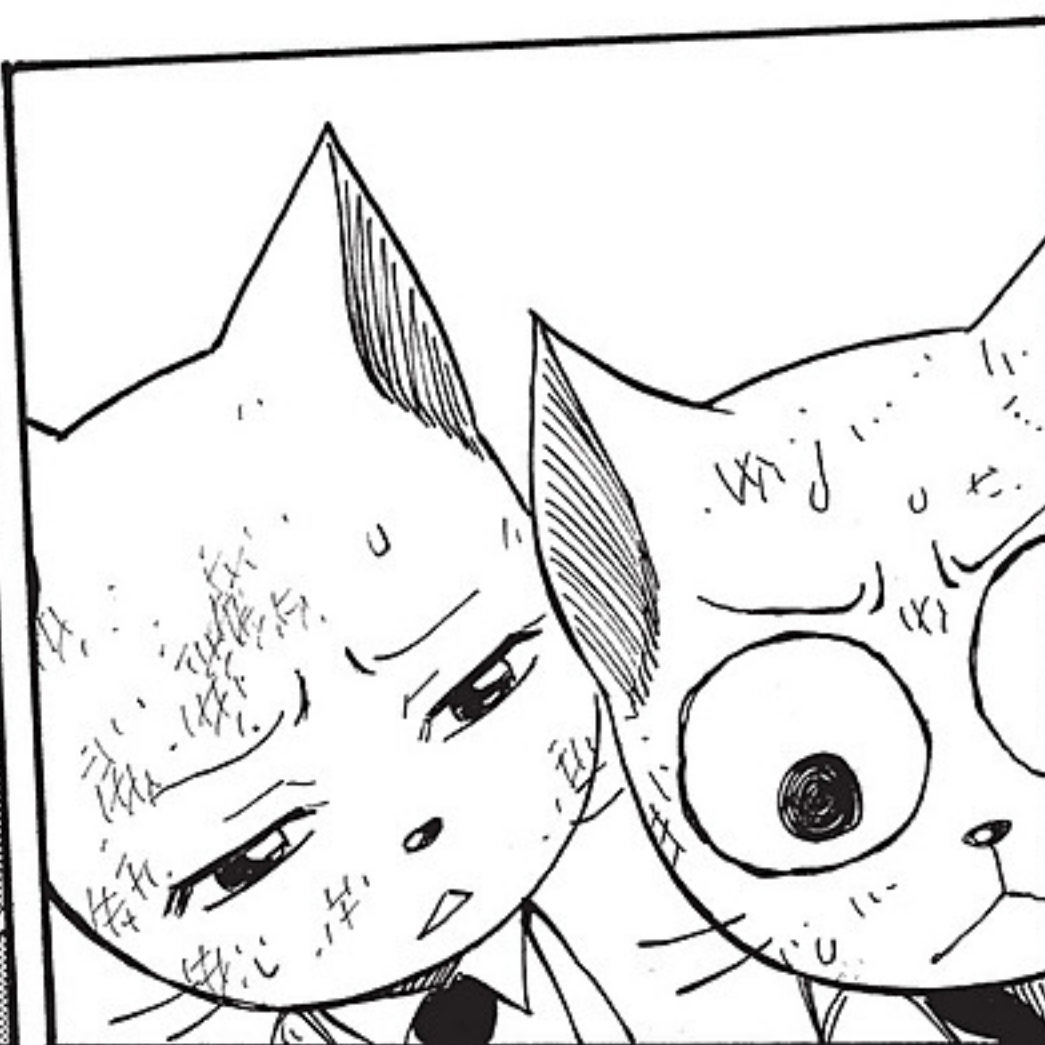
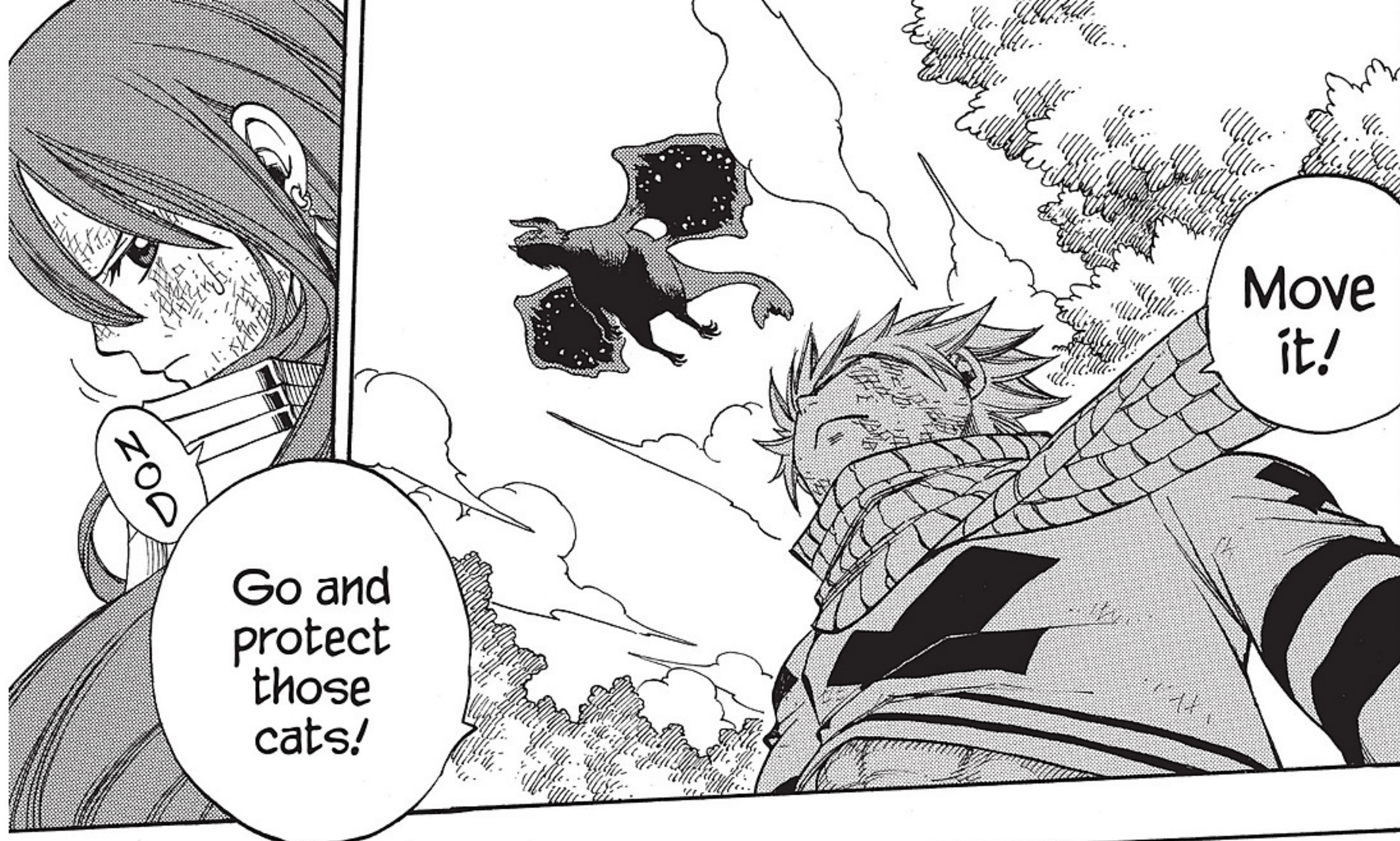


WHAT
?!



TENRYŪ
NO...





GWOOO

**Dragon
slayer
wizards
!!!!**

OOOOOO

X

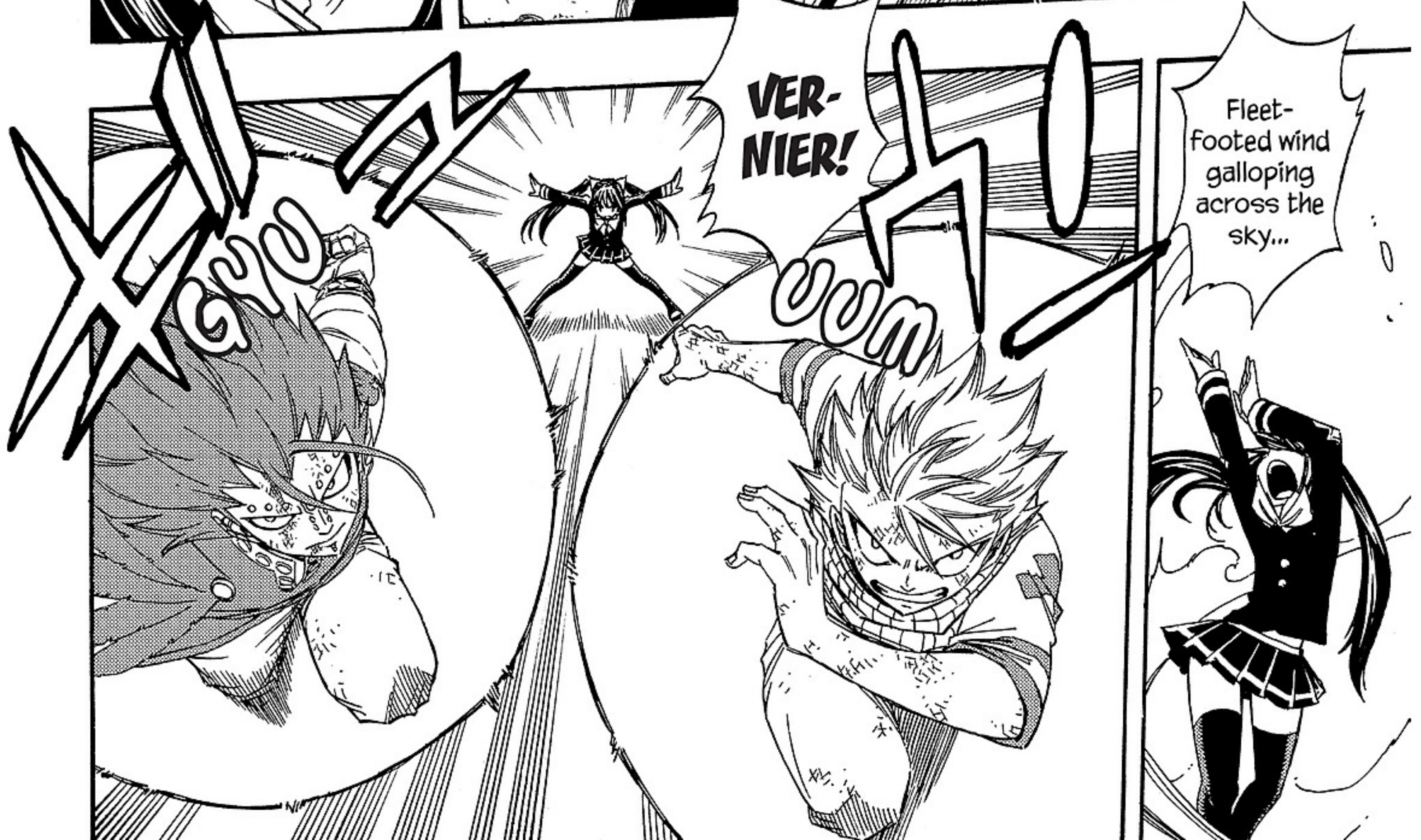
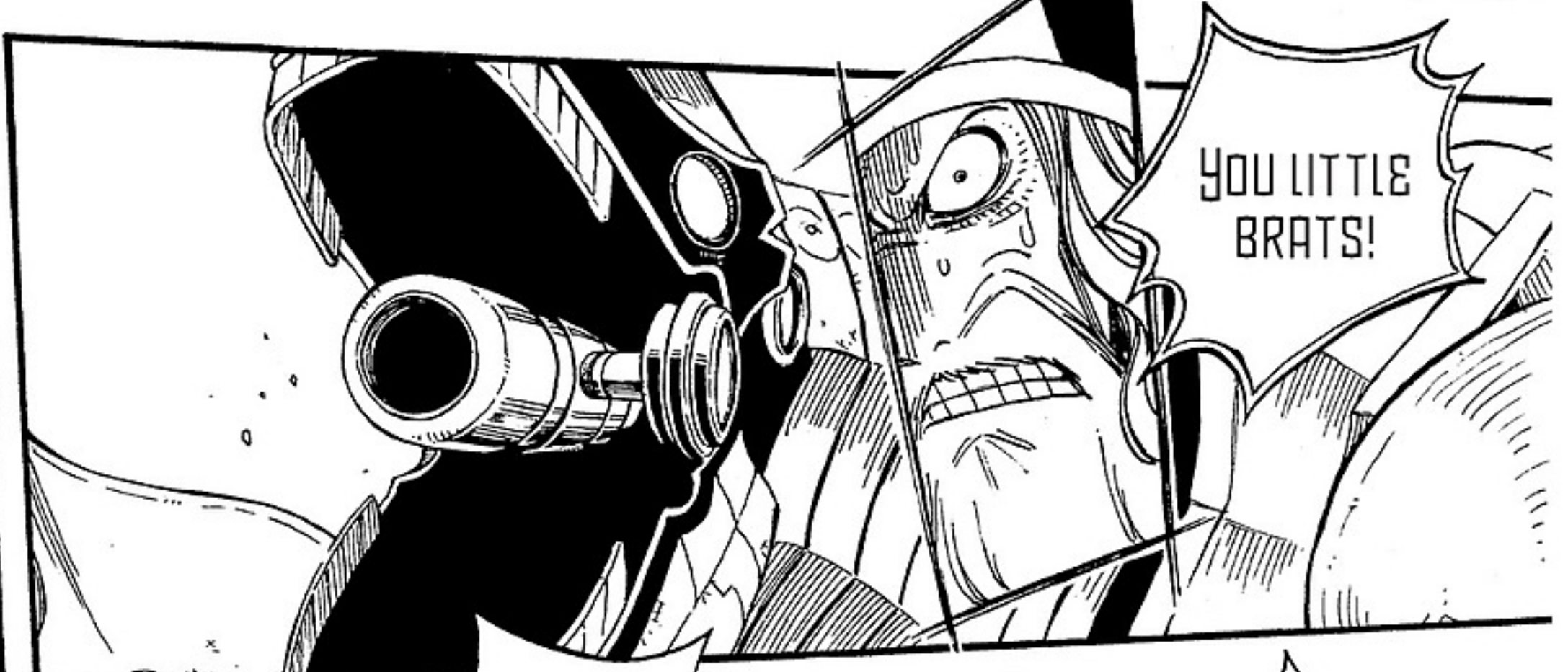


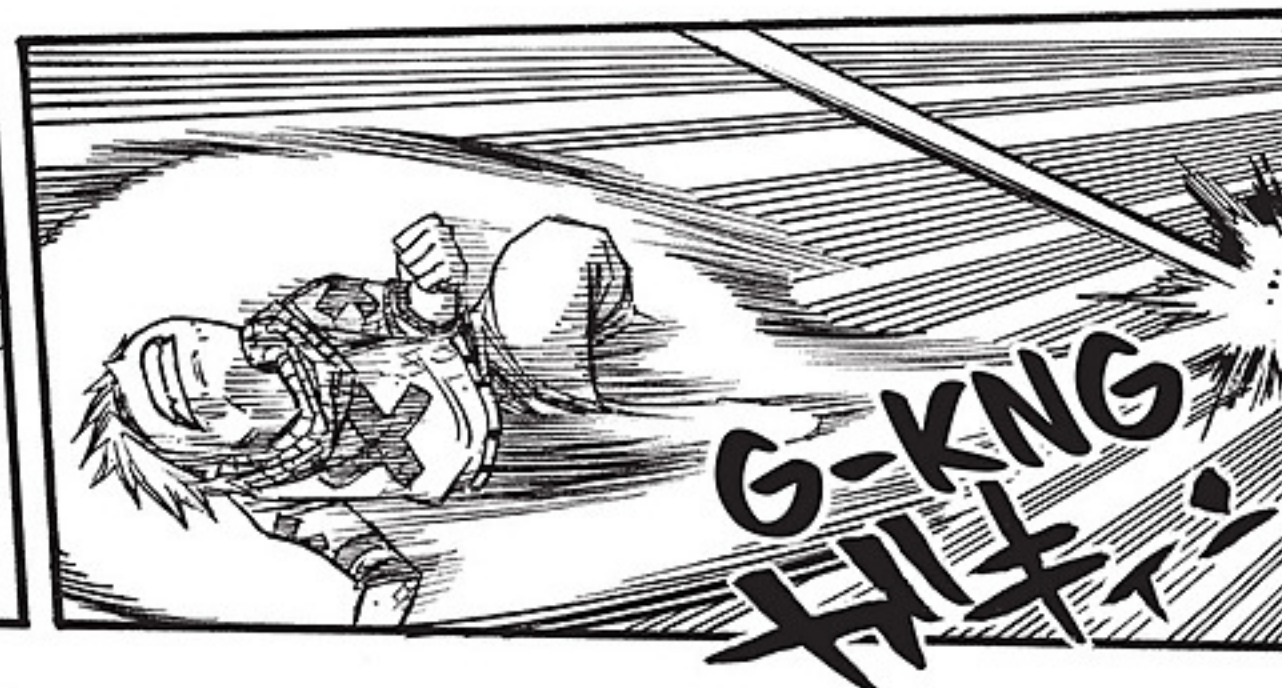
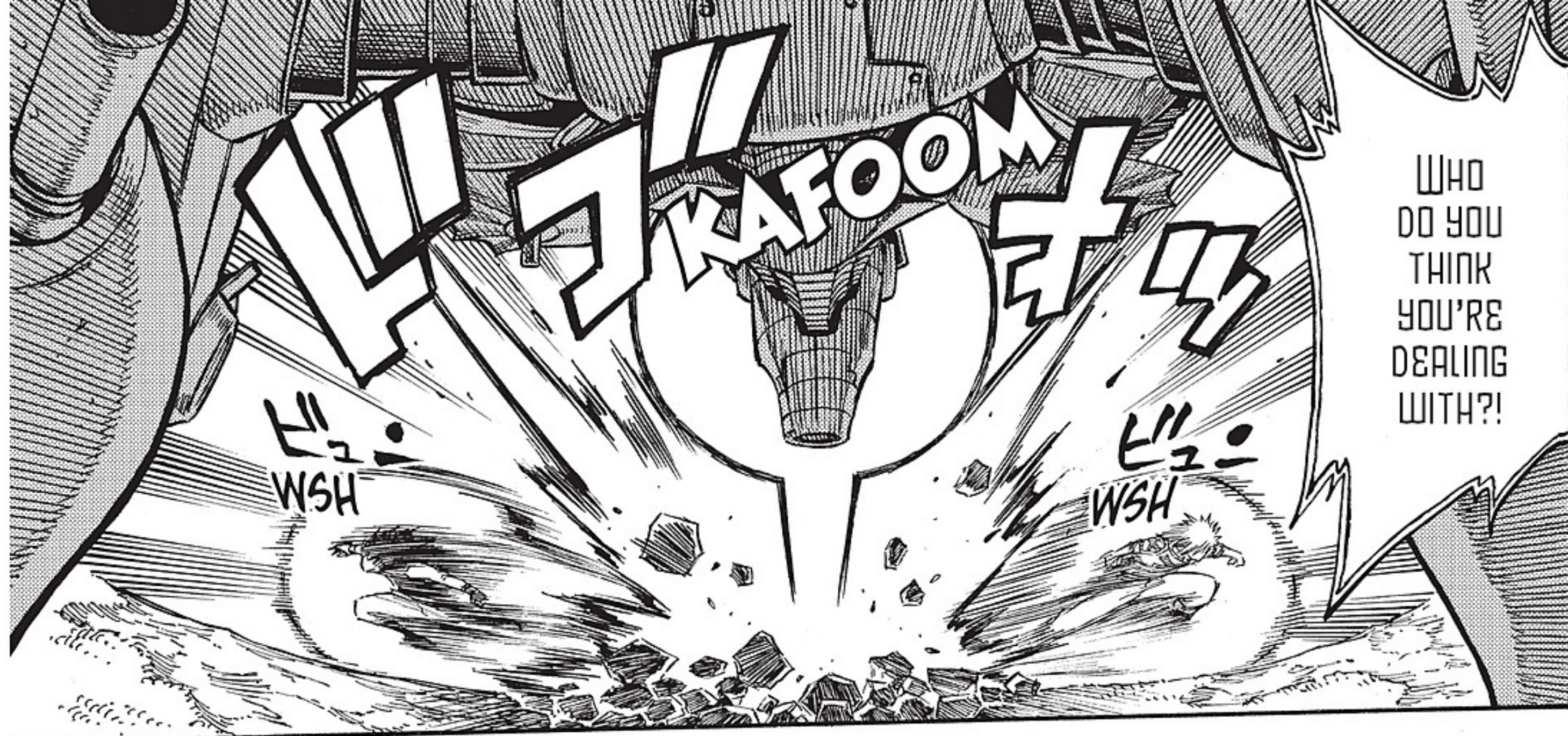
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

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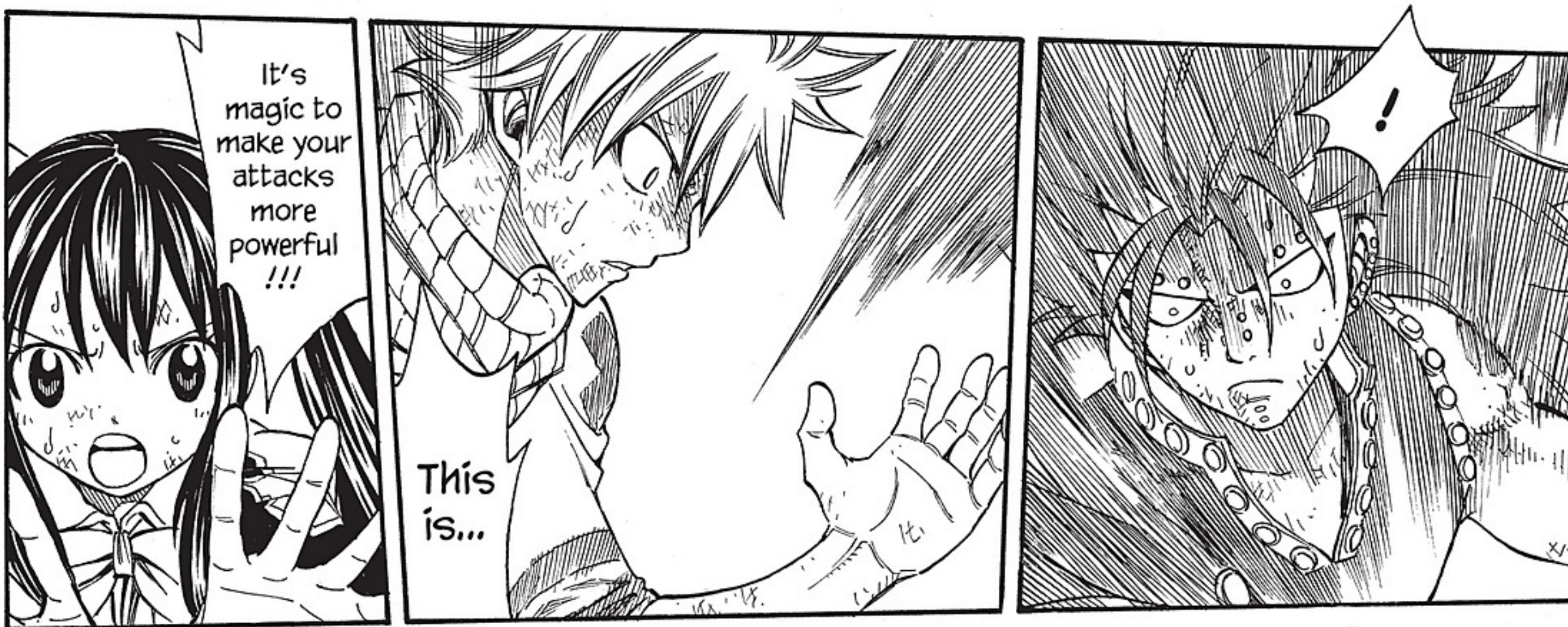


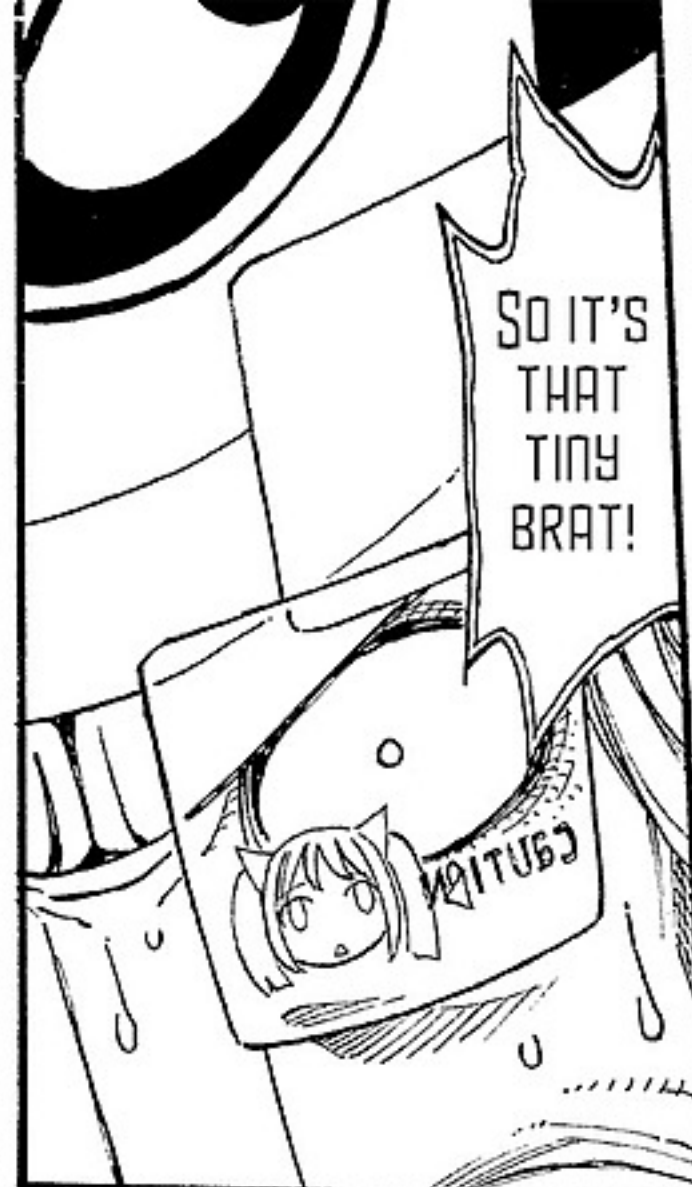
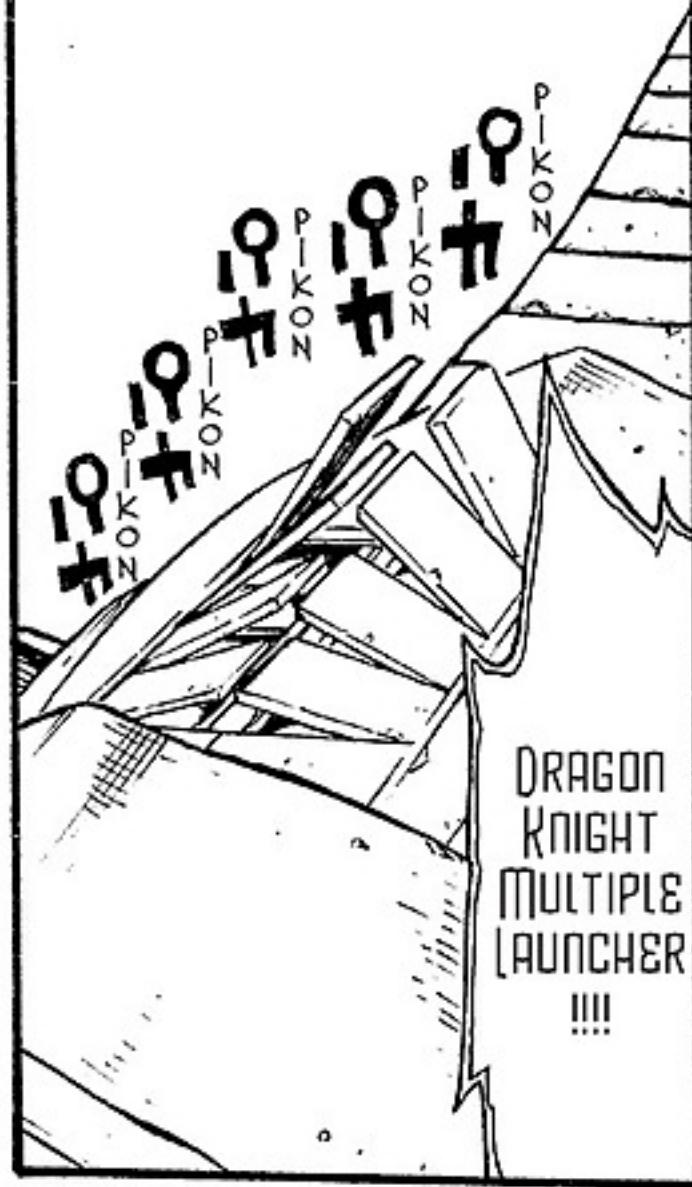
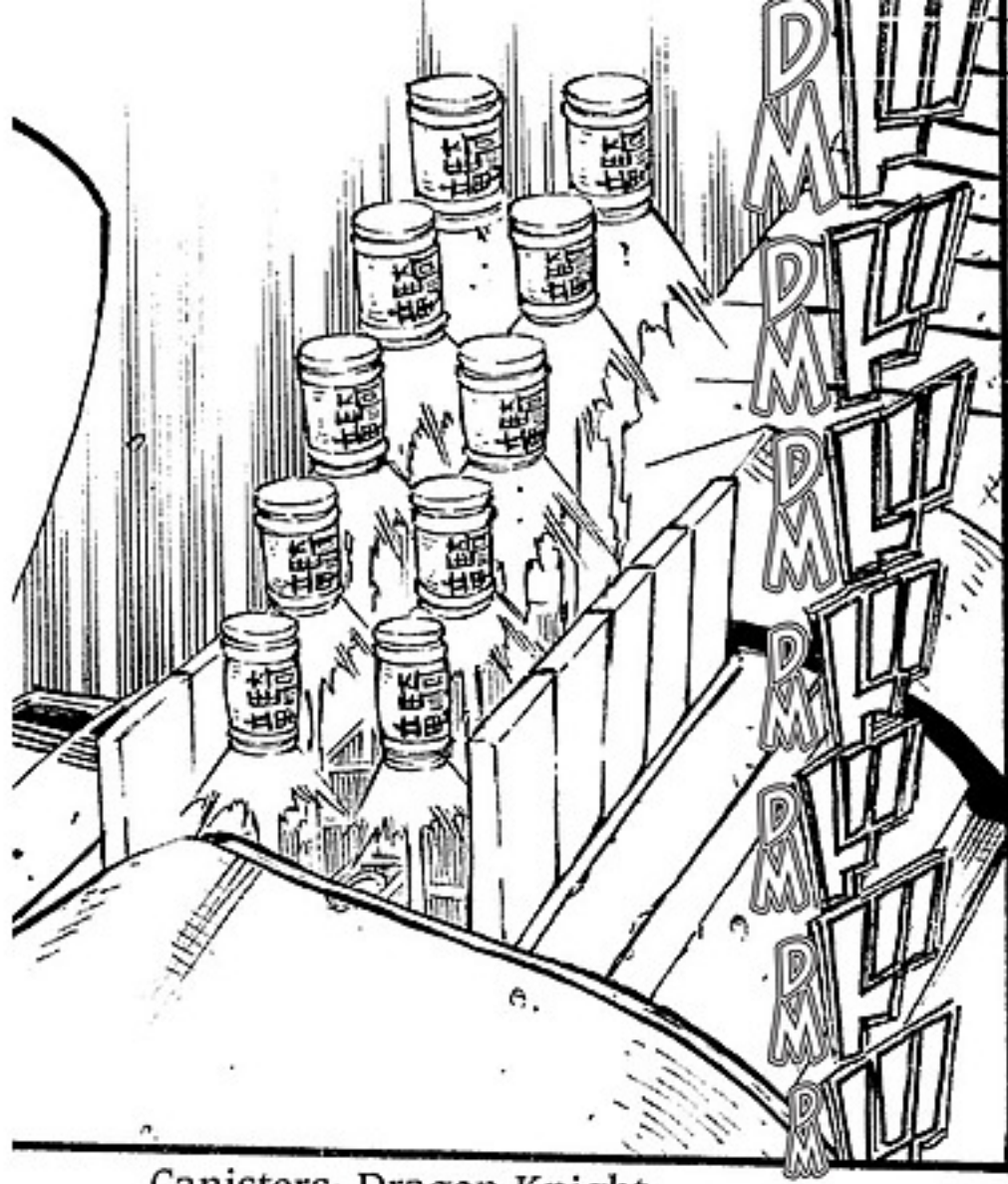


**Iron Dragon Club!!!!

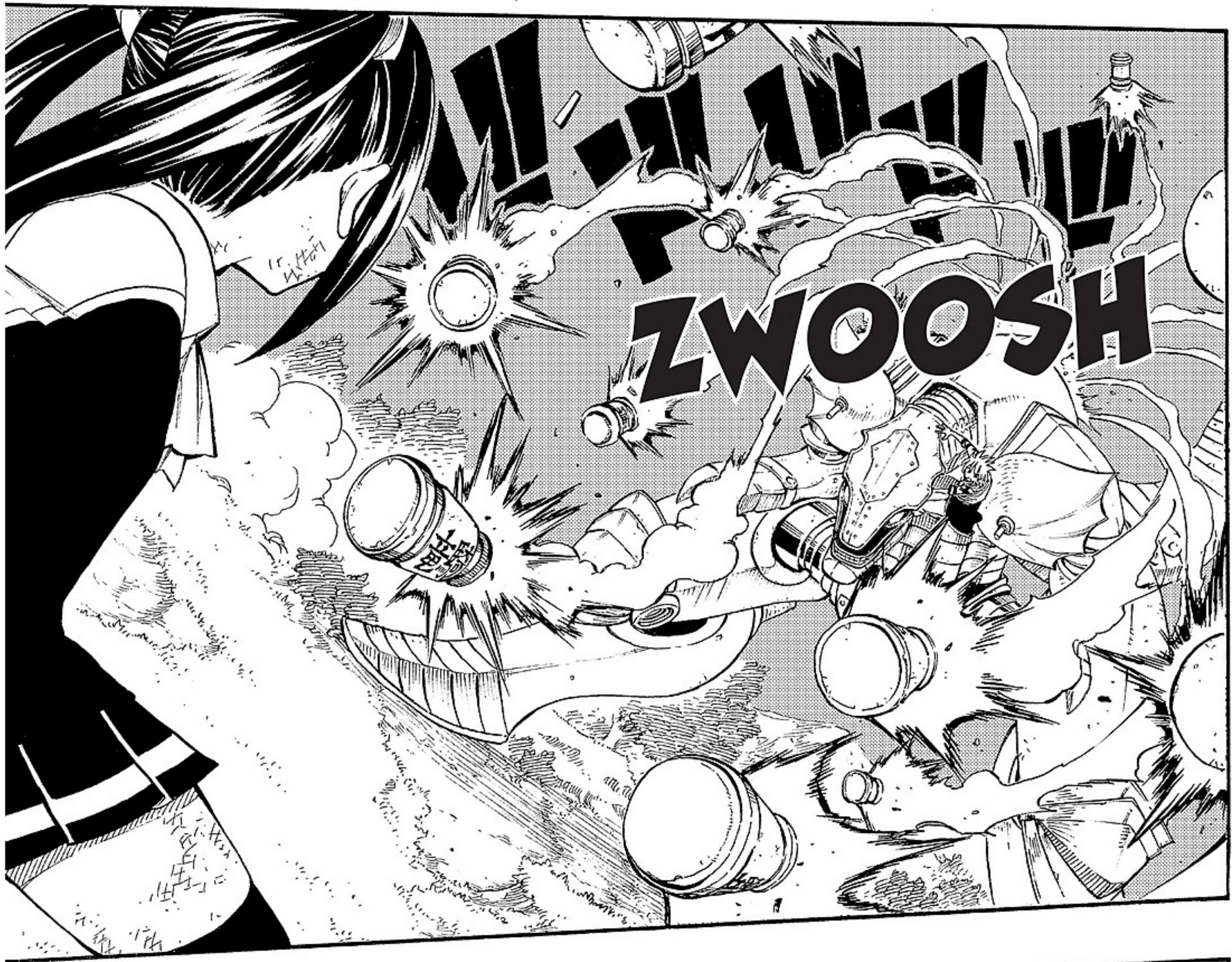
*Fire Dragon's Iron Fist!!!!

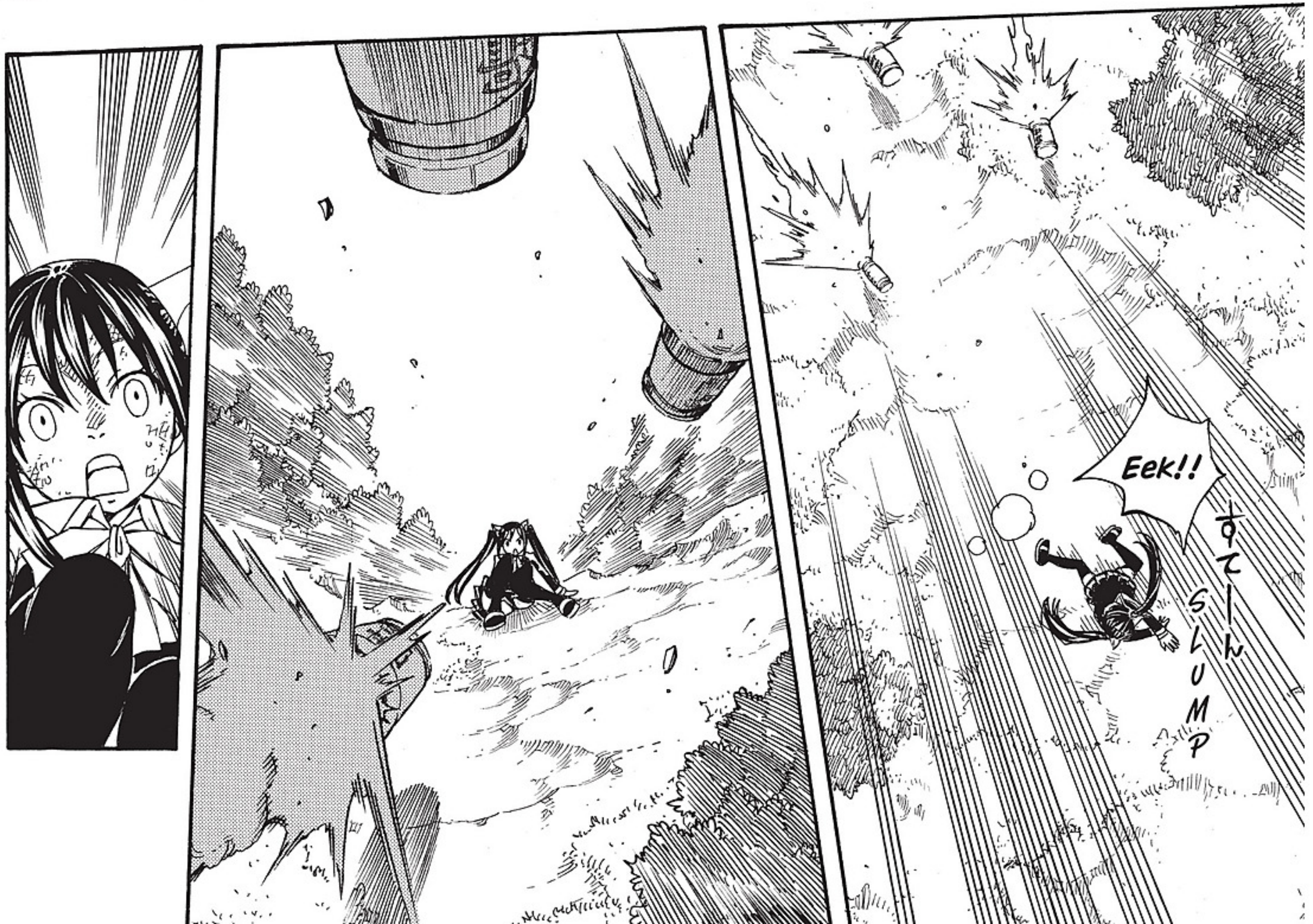
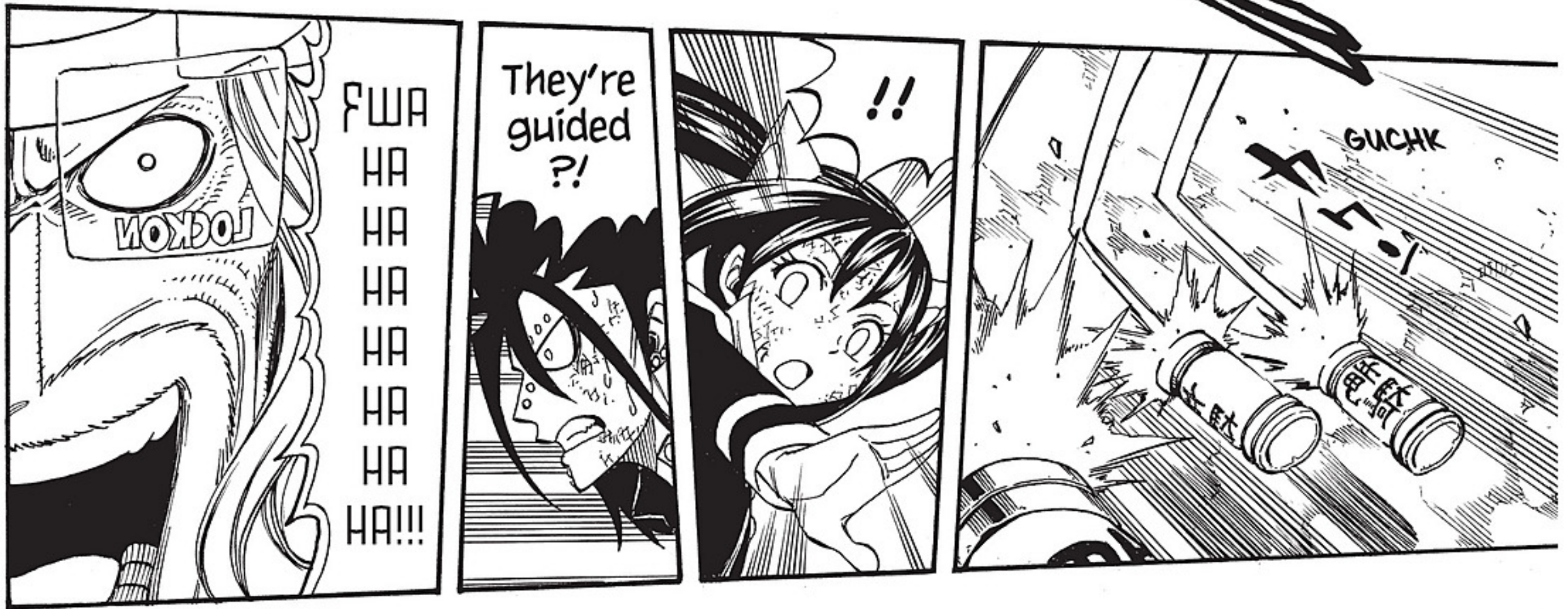


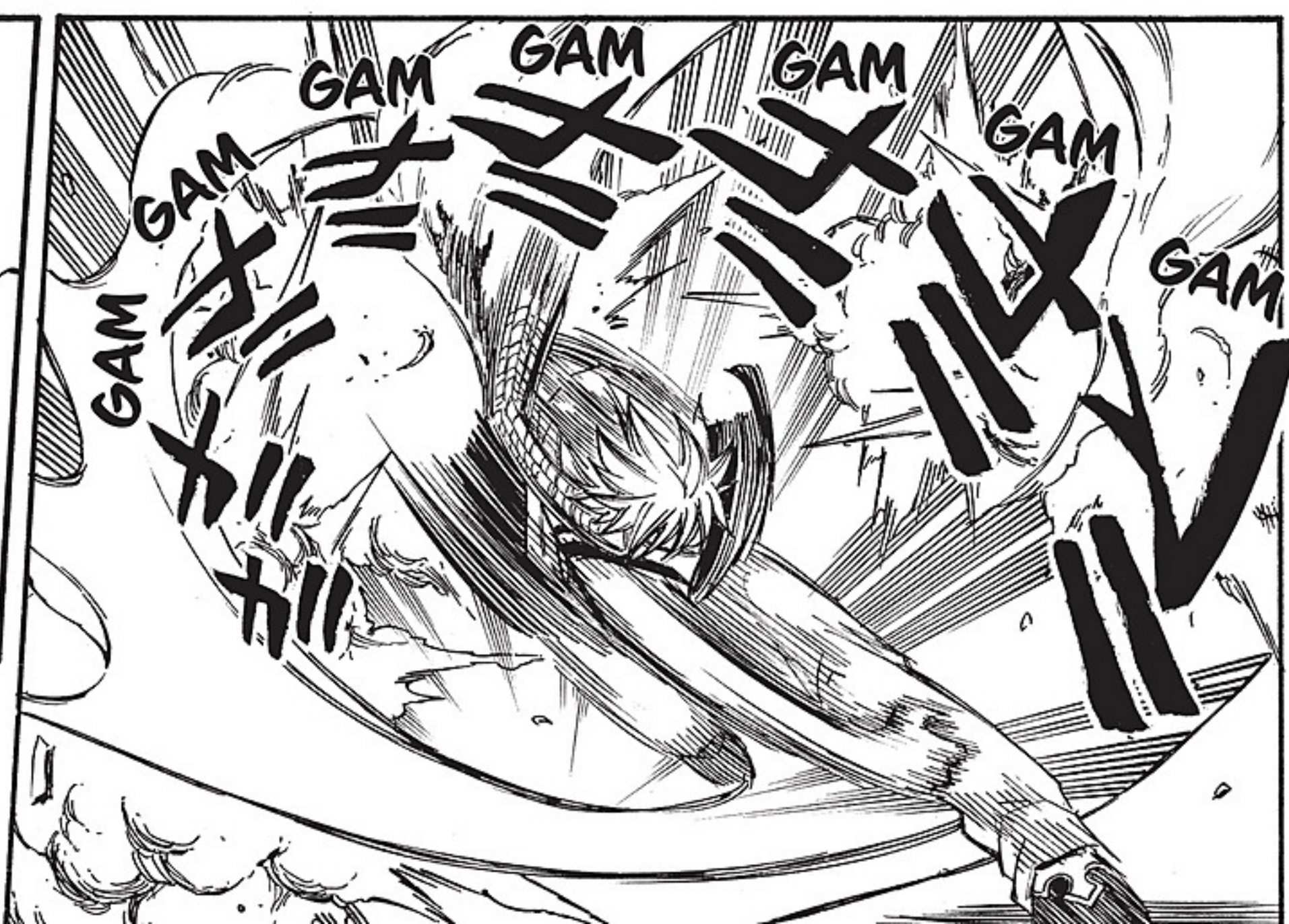


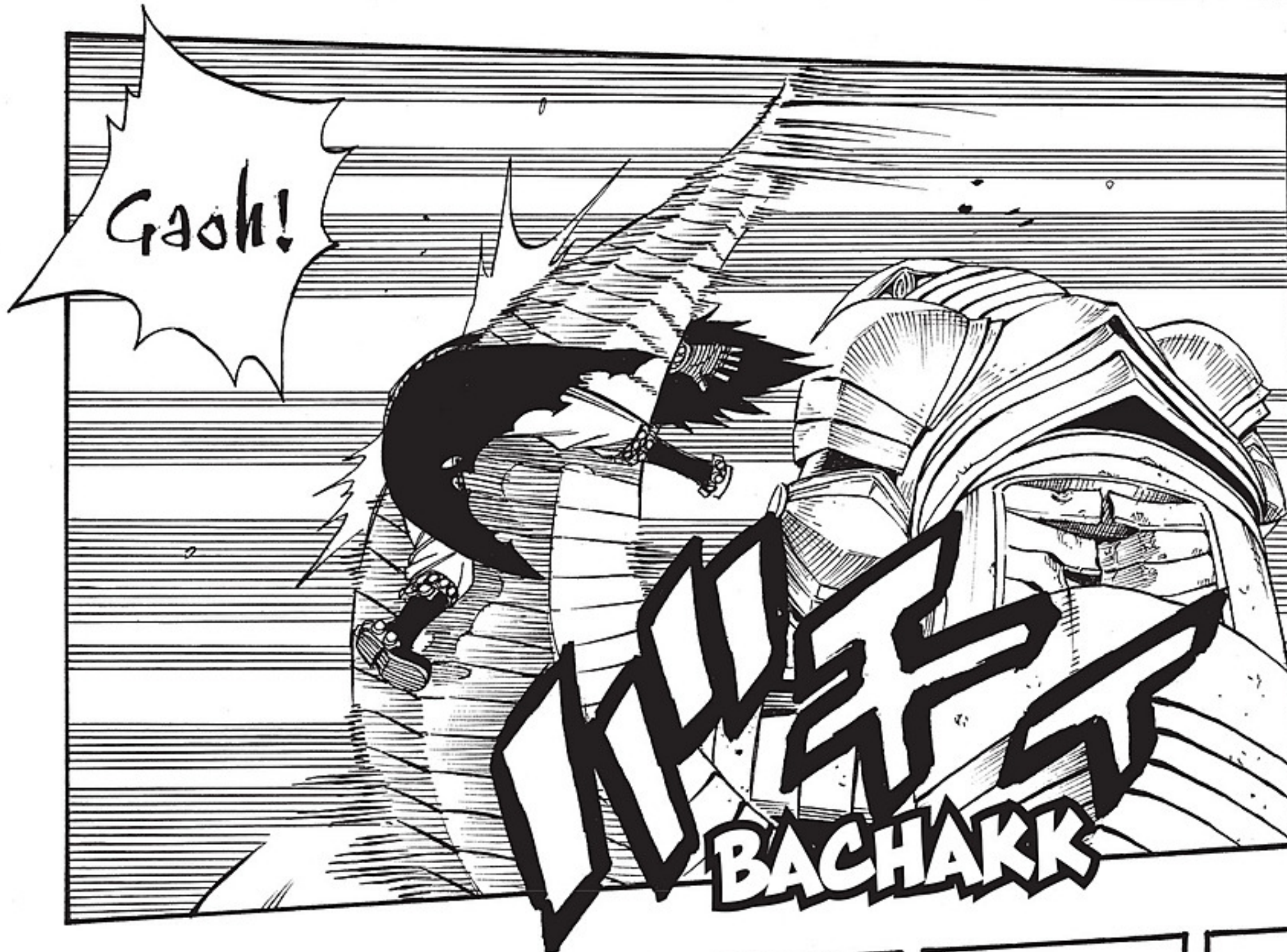
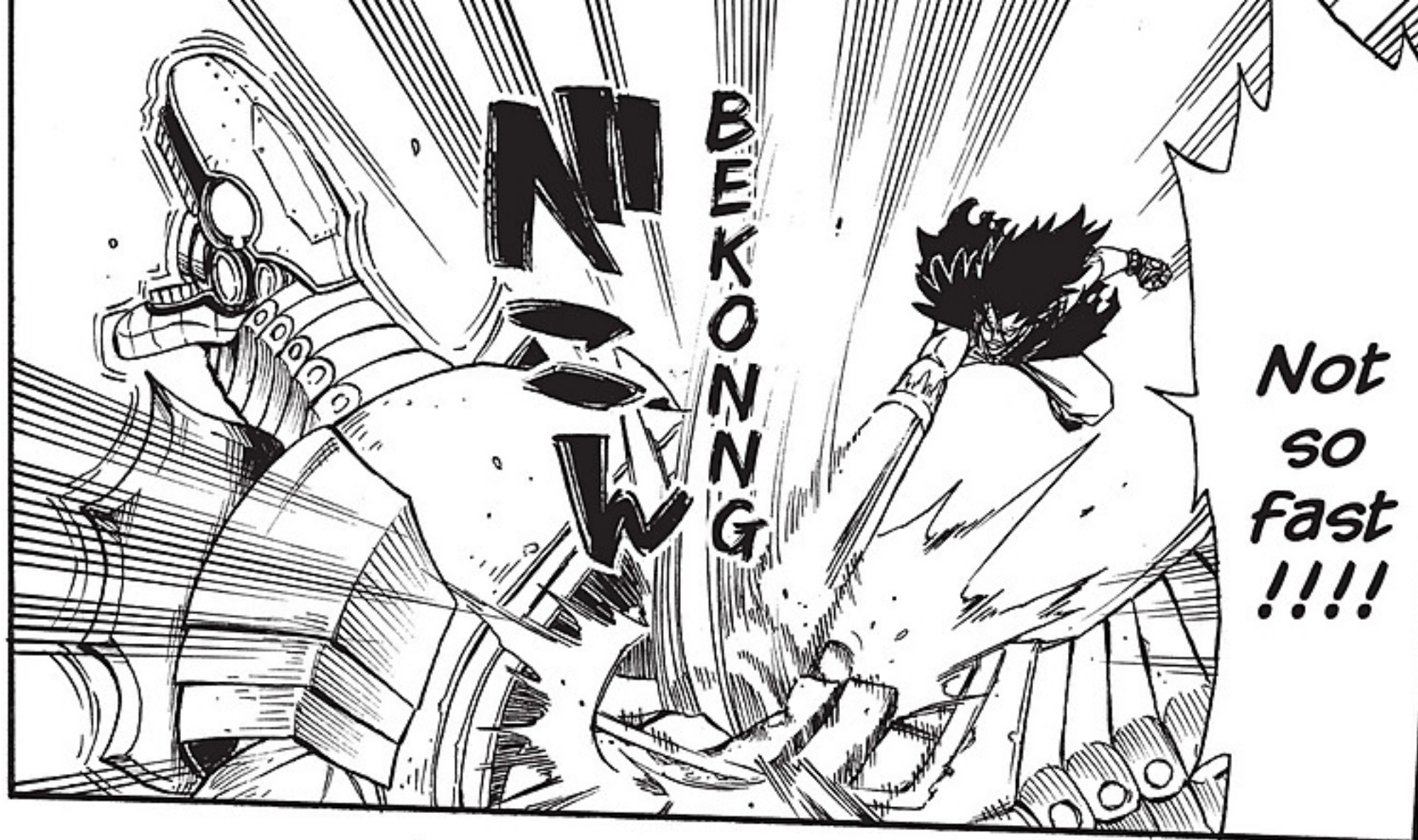


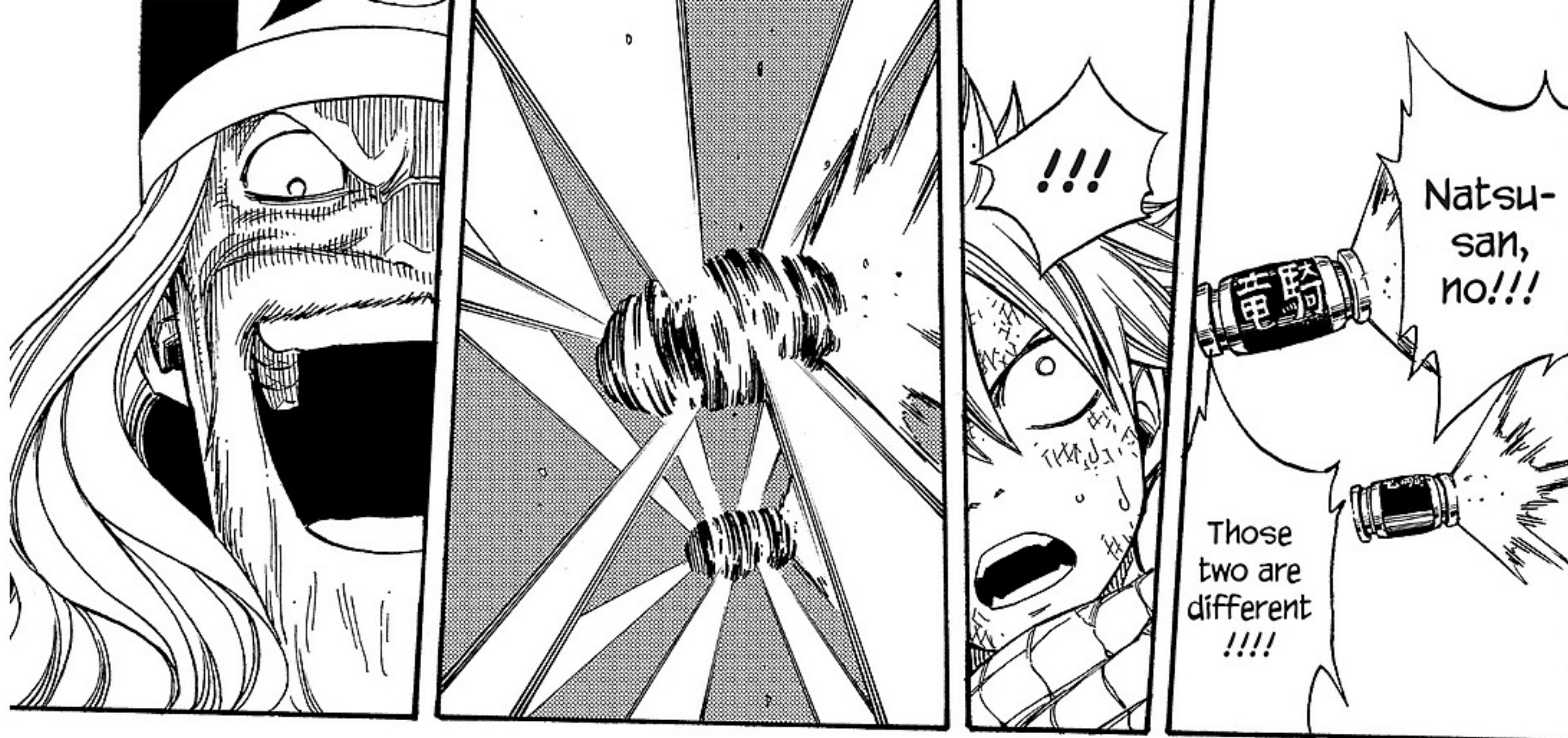
Canisters: Dragon Knight









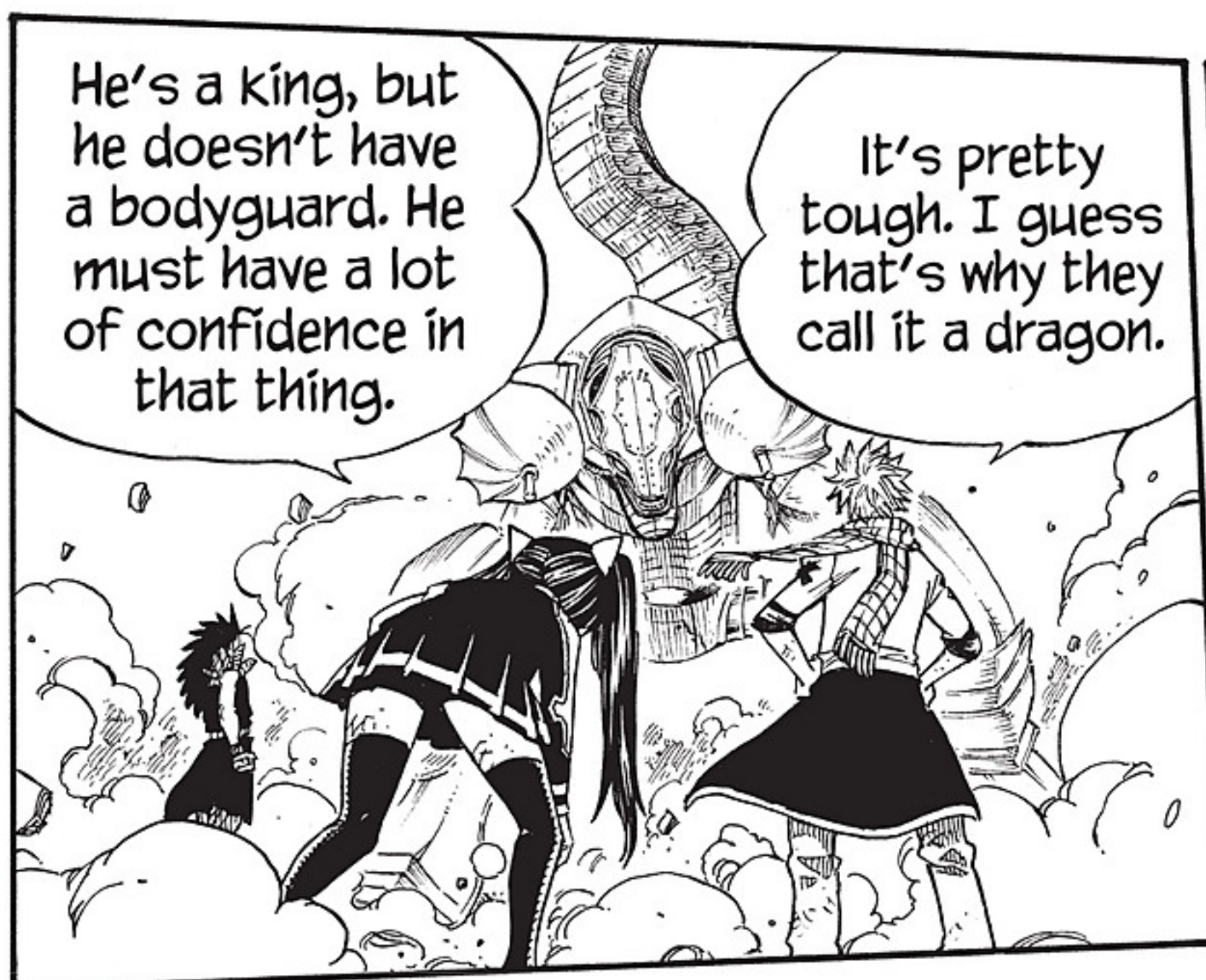




*This has
to be
some
trick!!!!*



PHEW...



*He's a king, but
he doesn't have
a bodyguard. He
must have a lot
of confidence in
that thing.*

*It's pretty
tough. I guess
that's why they
call it a dragon.*

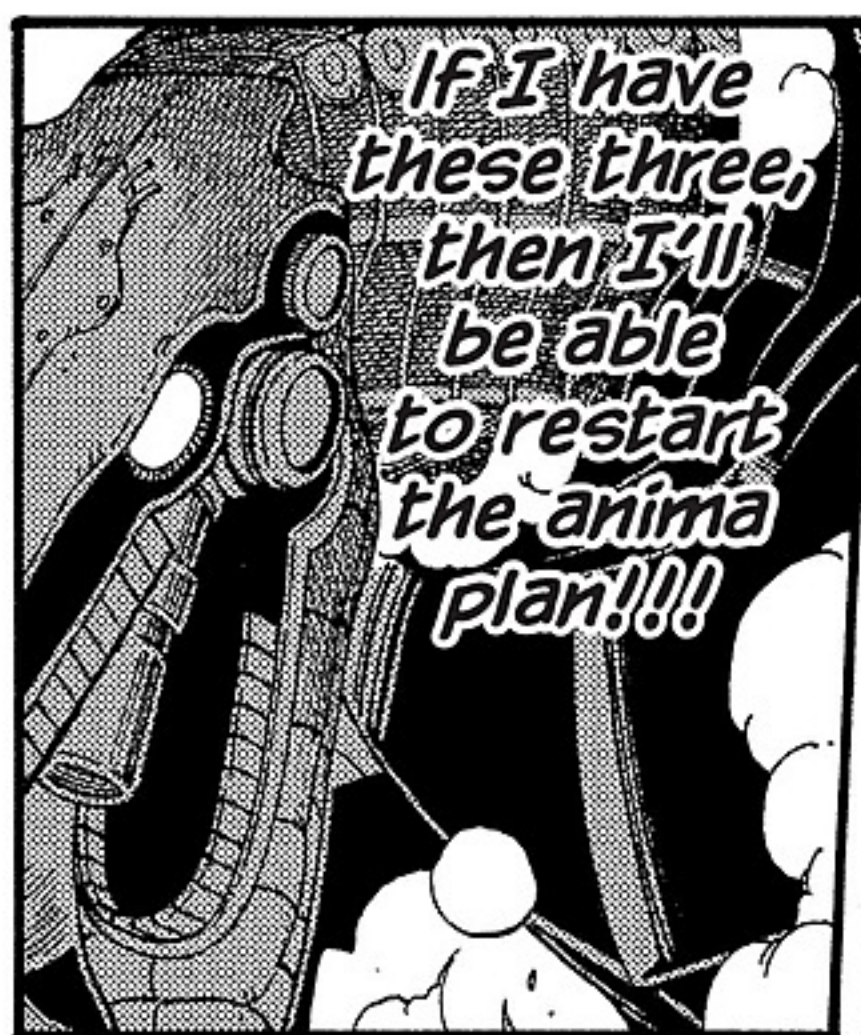
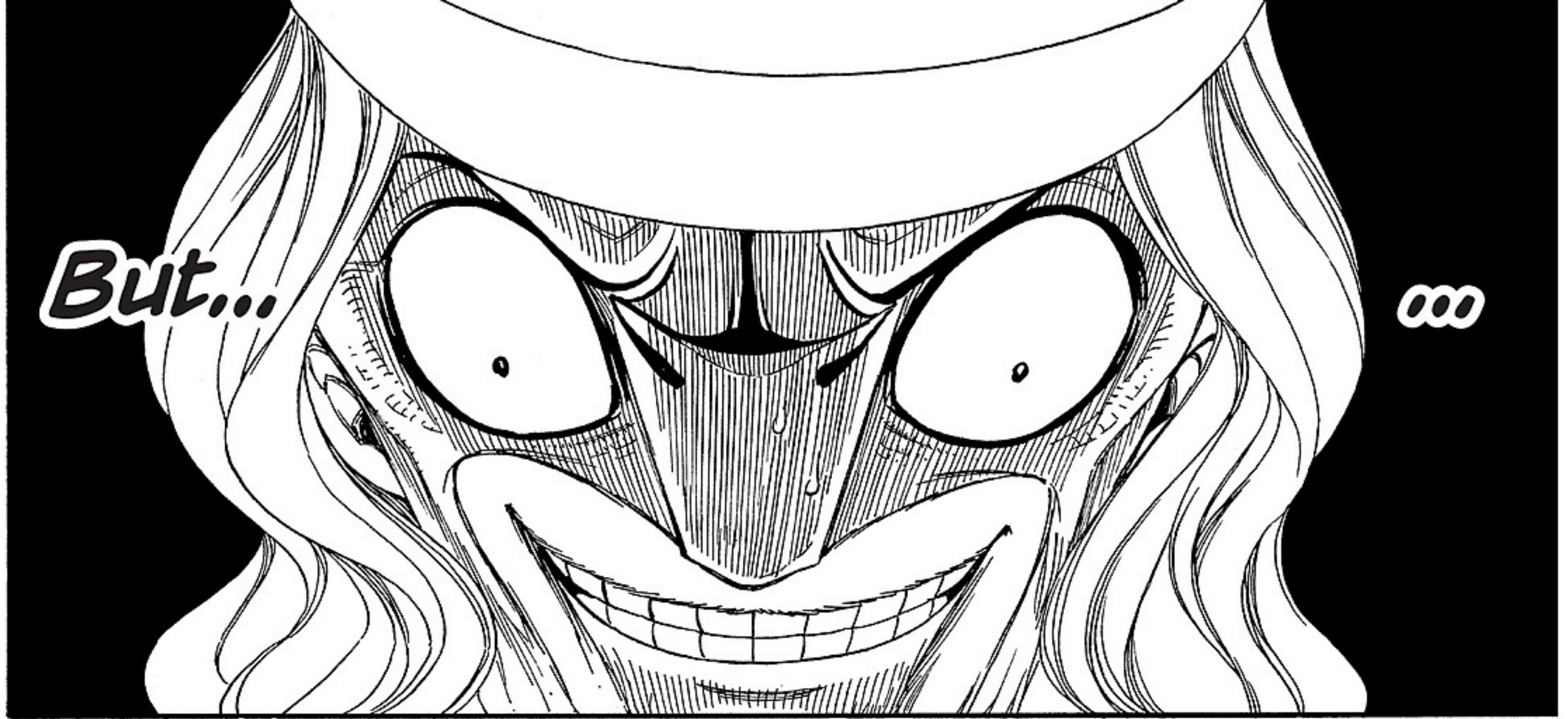


*This is
Earth-
land
magic
?!*



*These
are
dragon
slayers
?!*

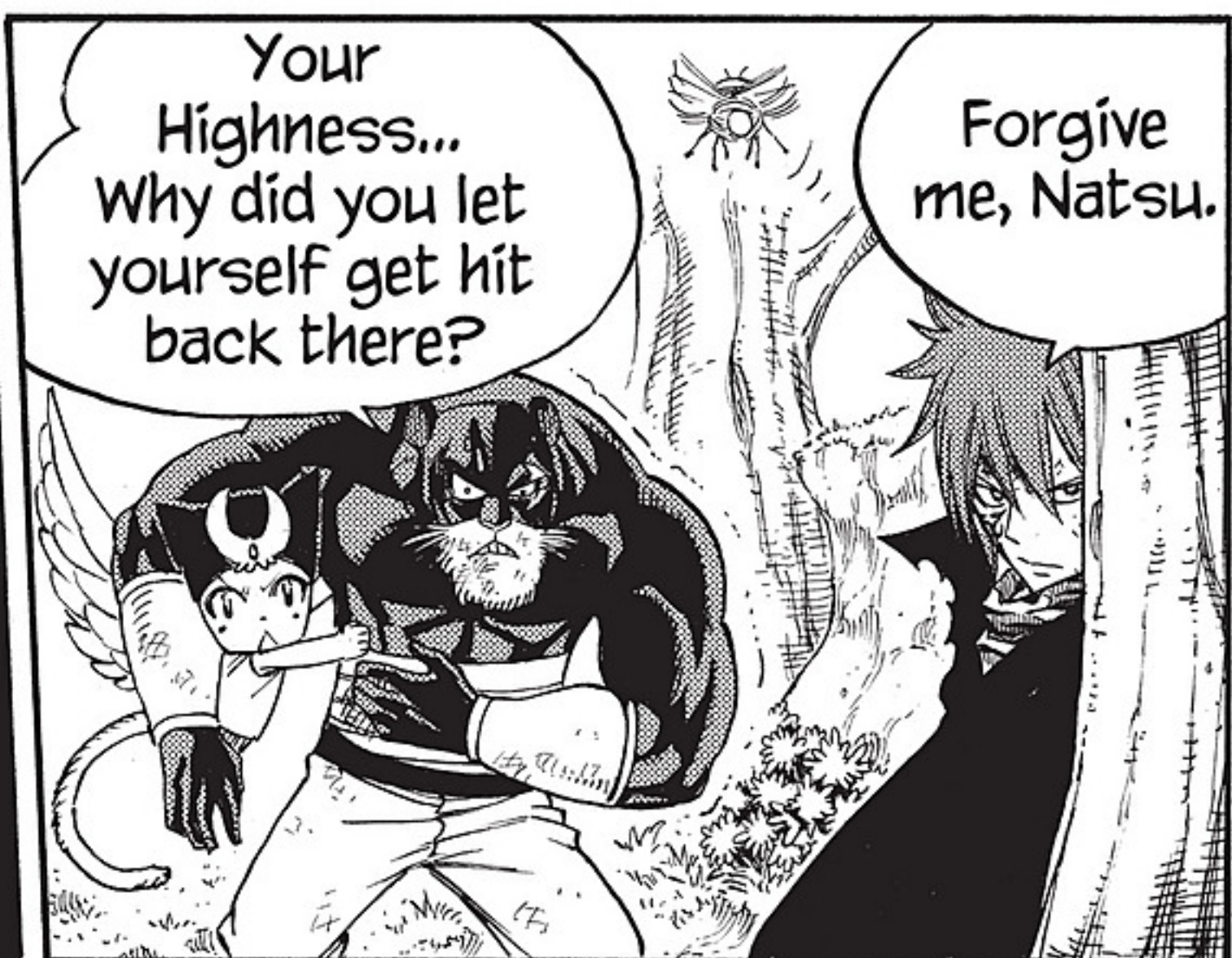
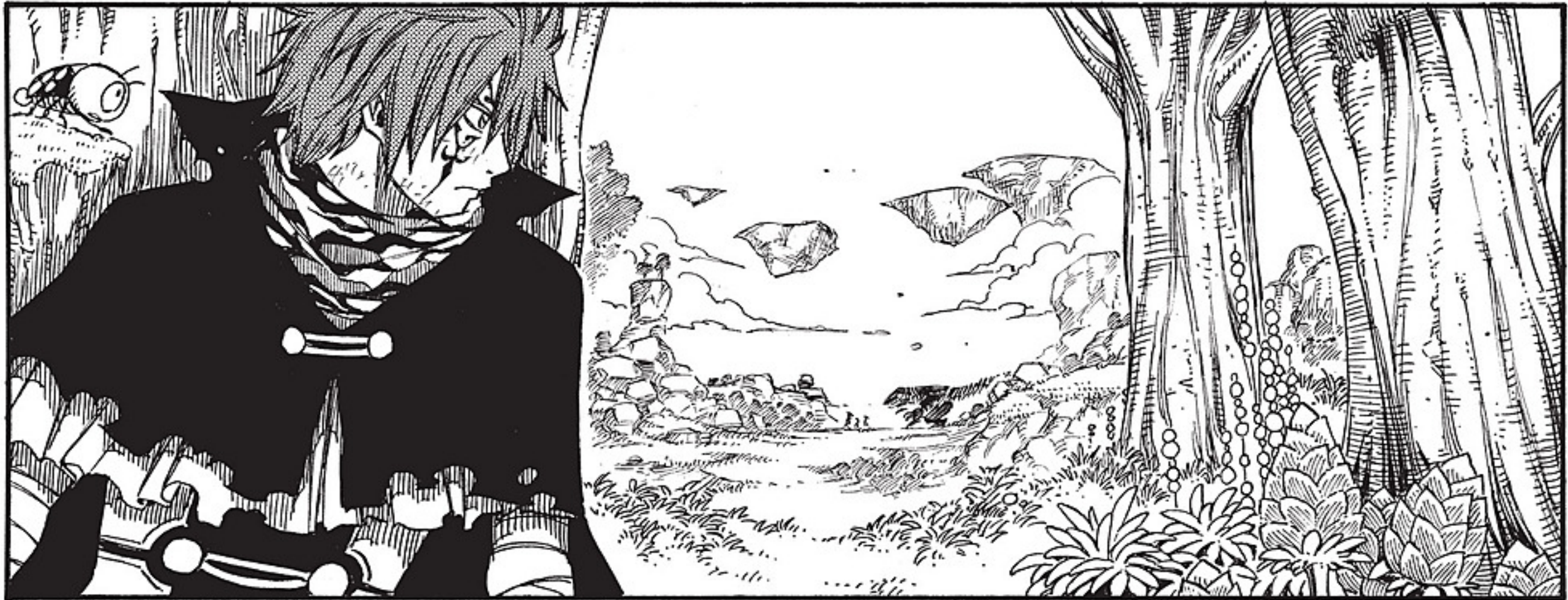
*I'm all
fired
up!!!*

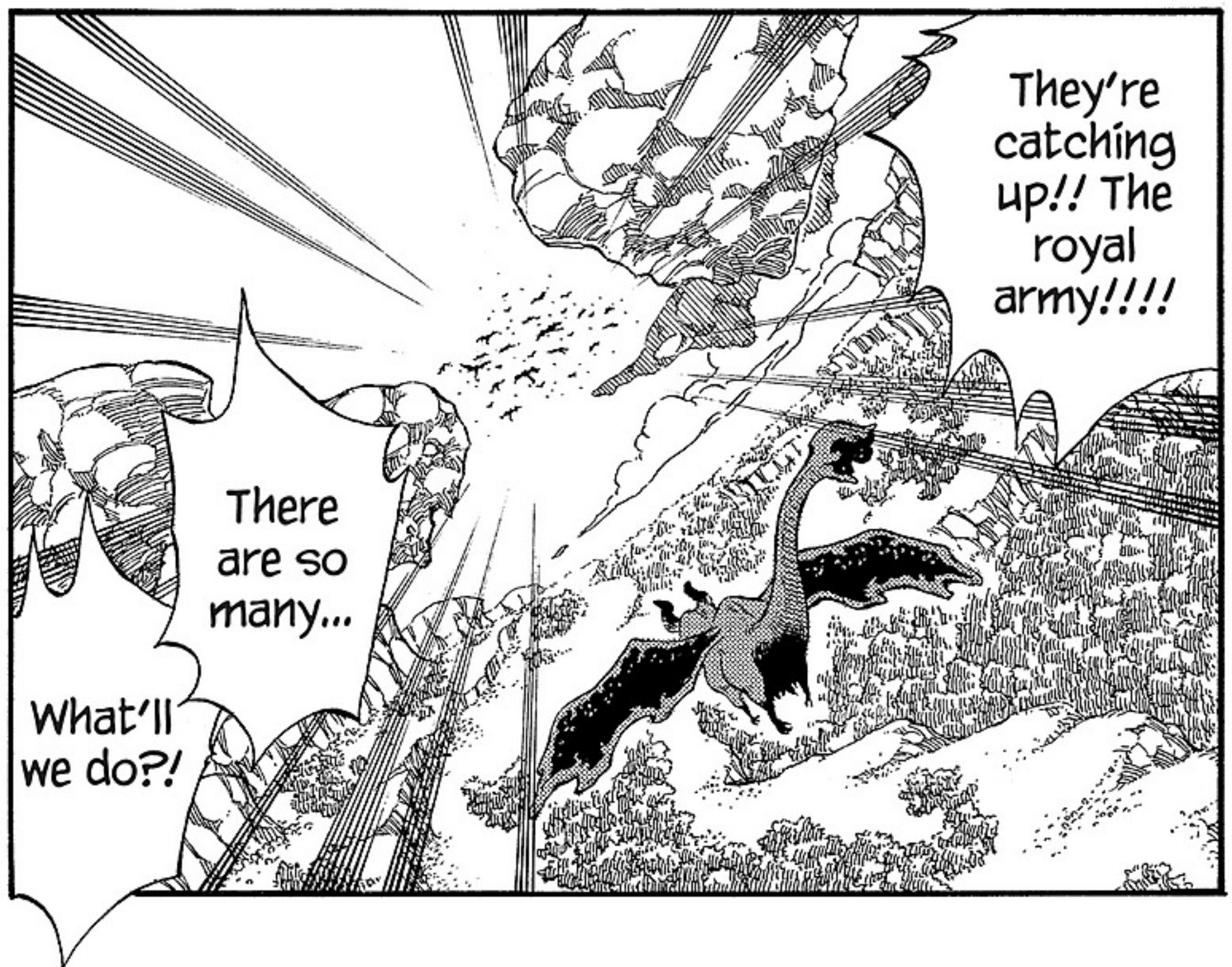
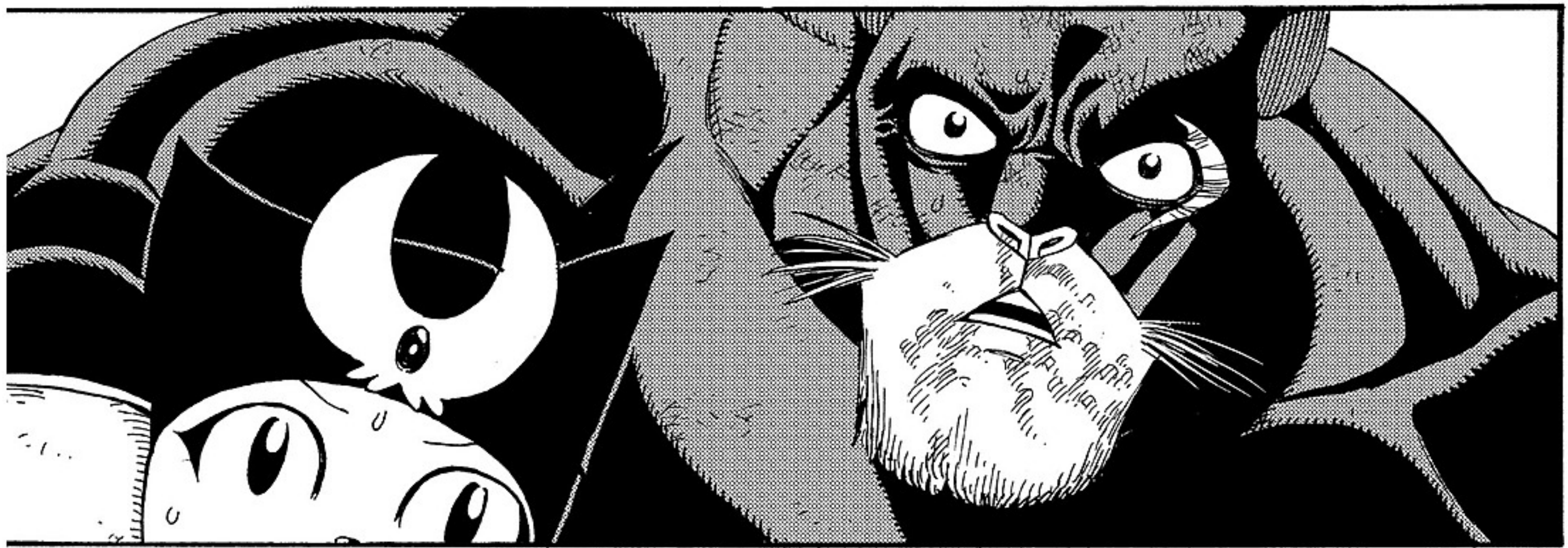


WITH THE
POWER
OF THE
DROMA
ANIM
BLACK
HEAVEN
!!!!

FIRST,
I'LL ROB
ALL
THREE
OF YOU
OF THE
WILL TO
FIGHT
!!!!









We have
to make
sure we've
taken them
down!!!!

Head
down to
ground
level
!!!!



Huh?

Where's
Erza?



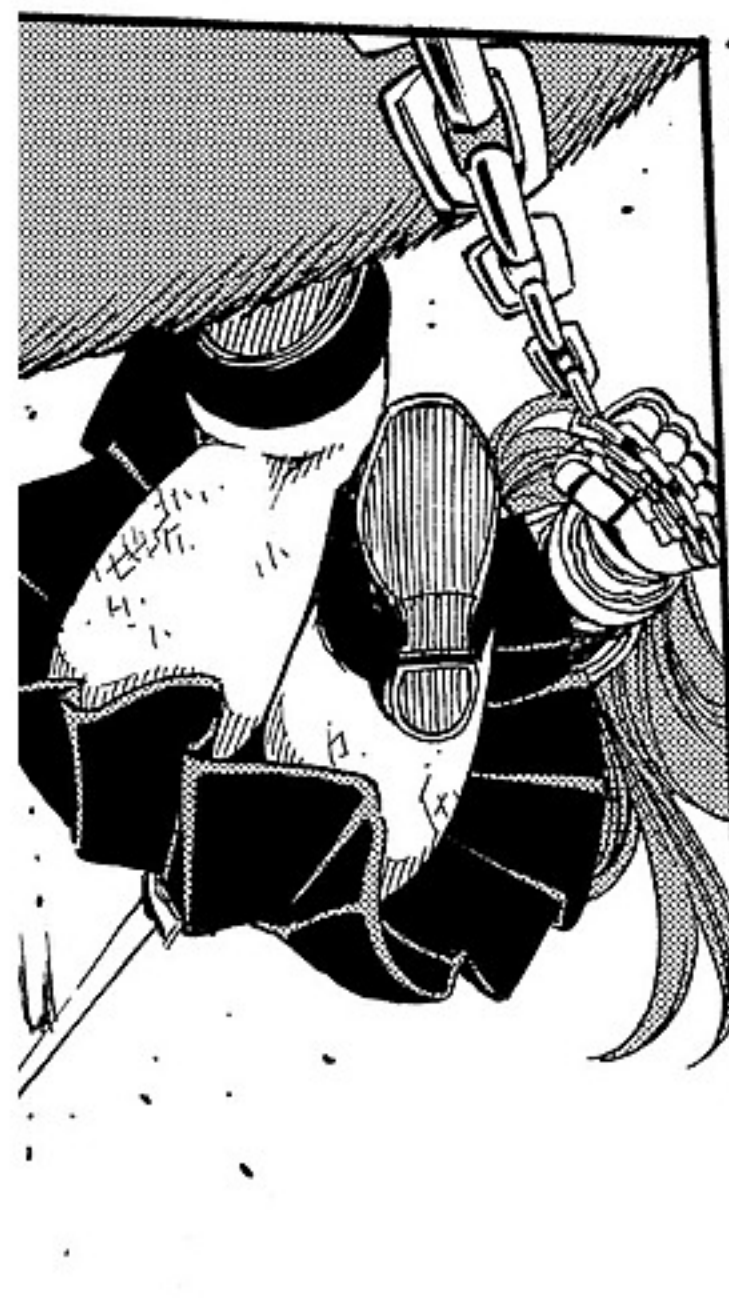
Y-You're
too heavy!!

I can't...
carry...two!

You're
only
carrying
me, you
know!!!

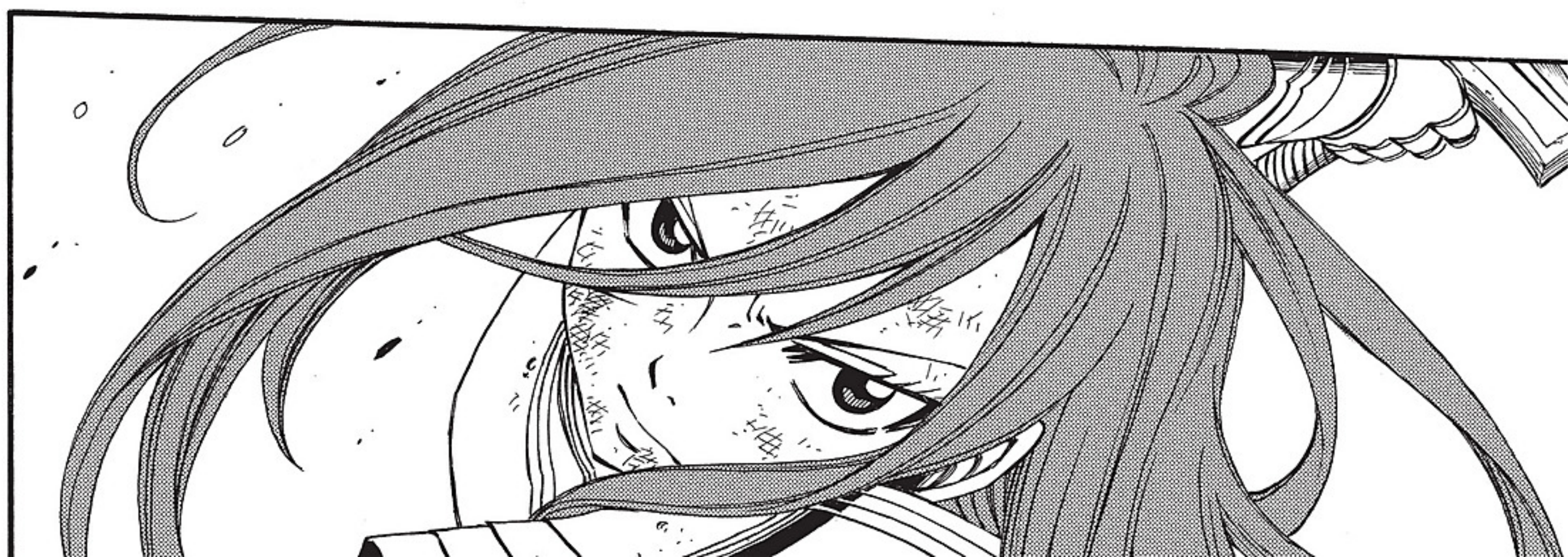
Legi-
pyon!

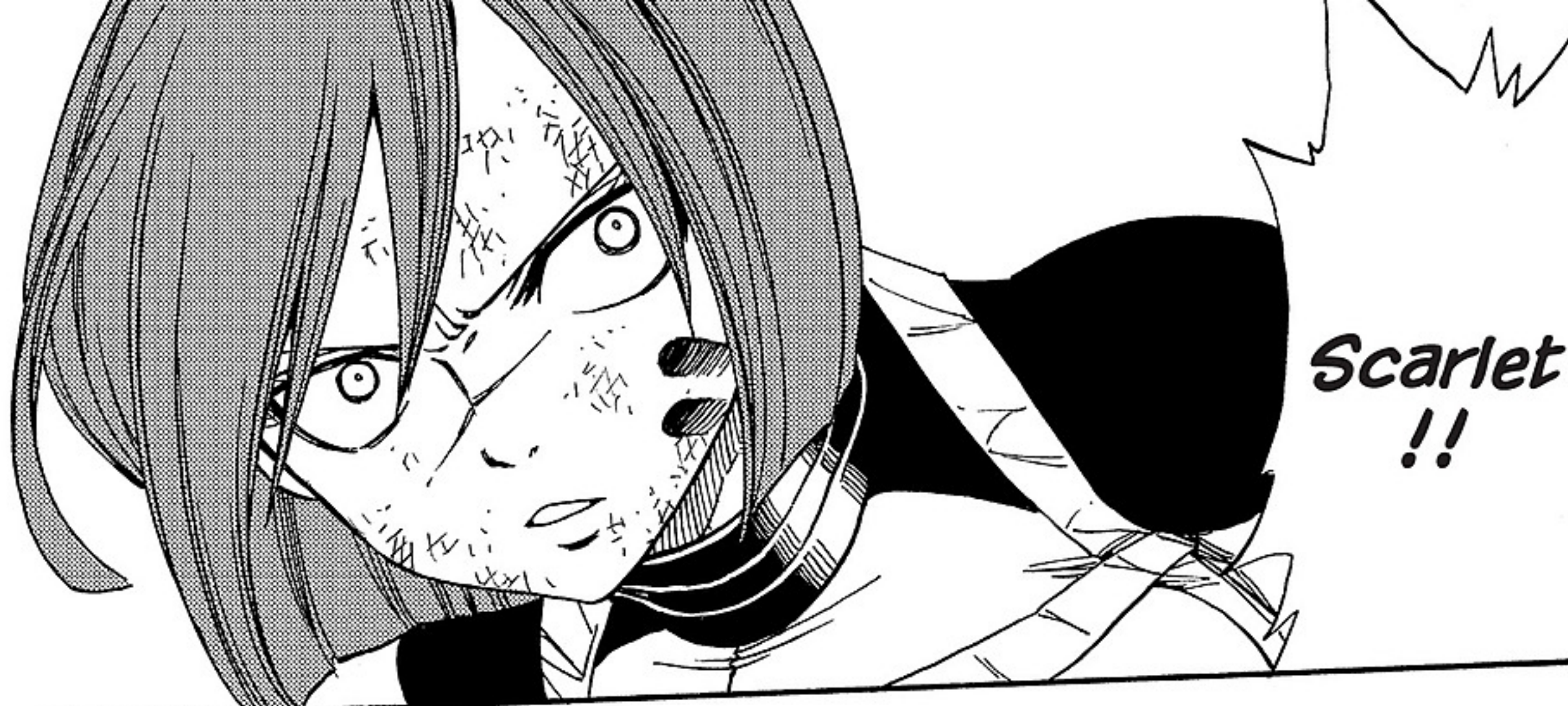
Sorry,
Carla...



WAHH!

S-H-W-A-K





**Scarlet
!!**



The rest of
you, get to the
ground! I'll
take this one
myself!!!

It's time we
finished this,
Nightwalker!

Yes
ma'am!



And
you may
be me, but
you've raised
a weapon
against my
King!



You may
be me,
but you've
caused
Fairy Tail
too much
pain!



Two
Erzas is
one too
many!

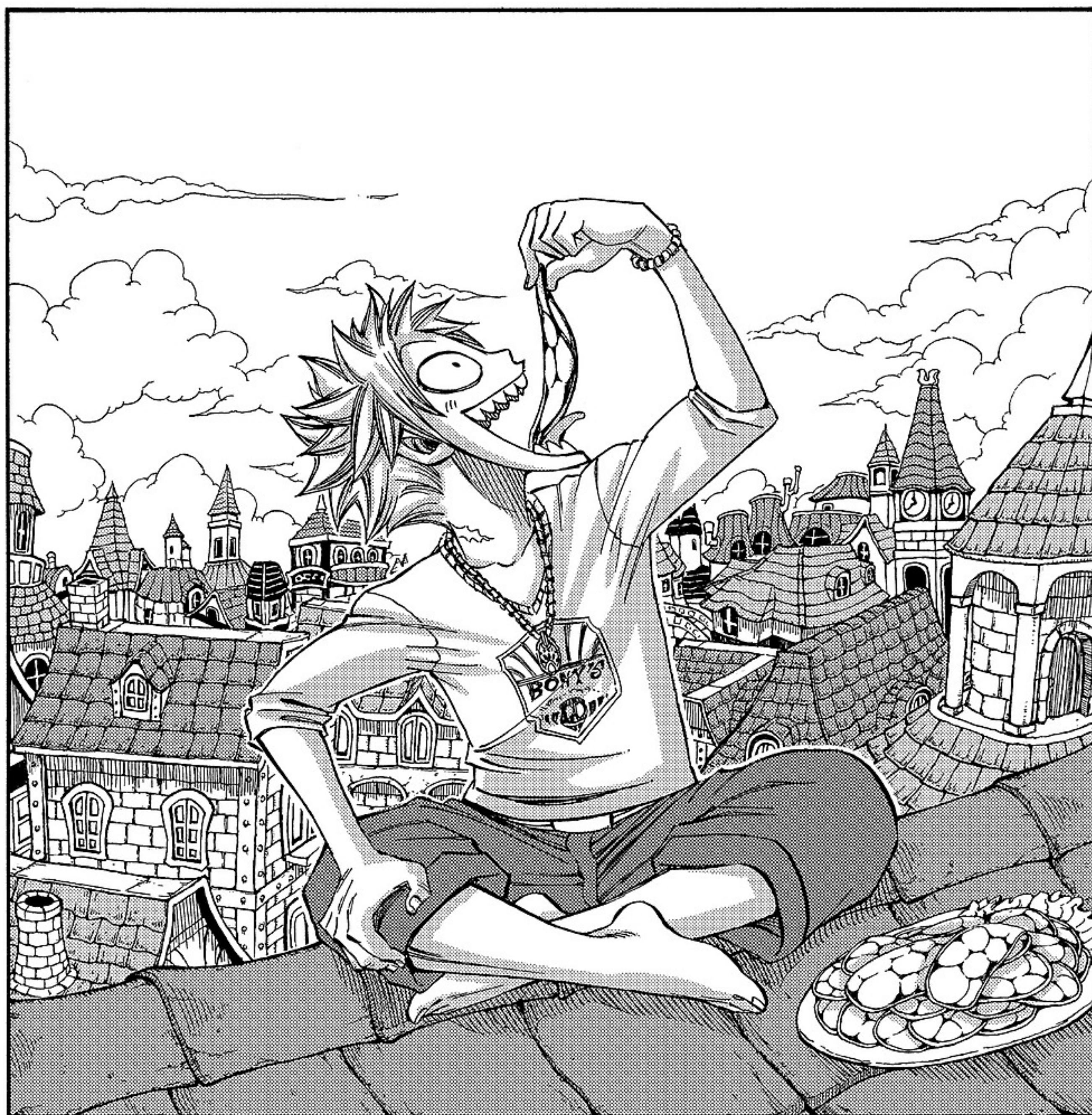
***This fight
won't end
until one
of us is
gone!!!!***

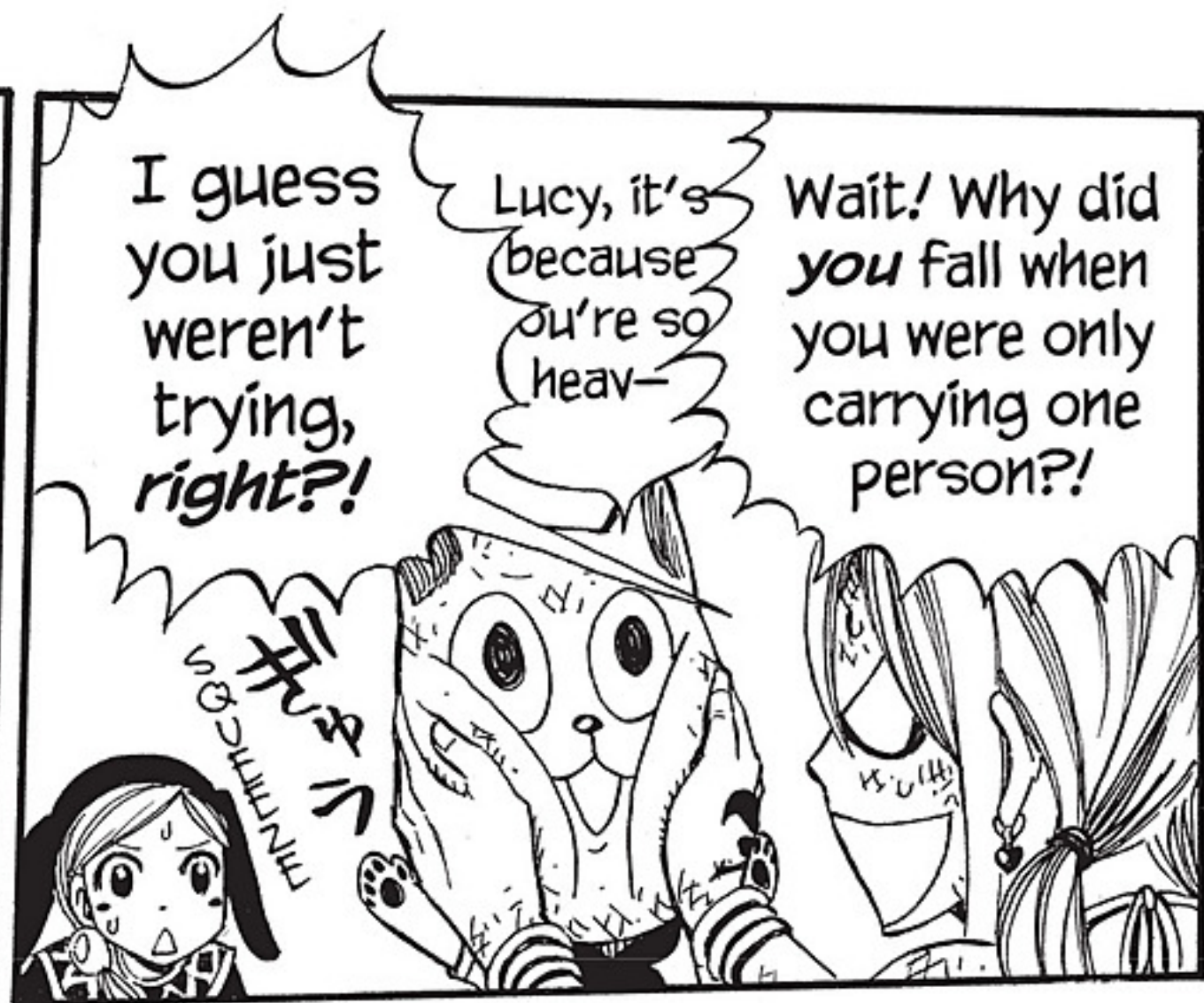
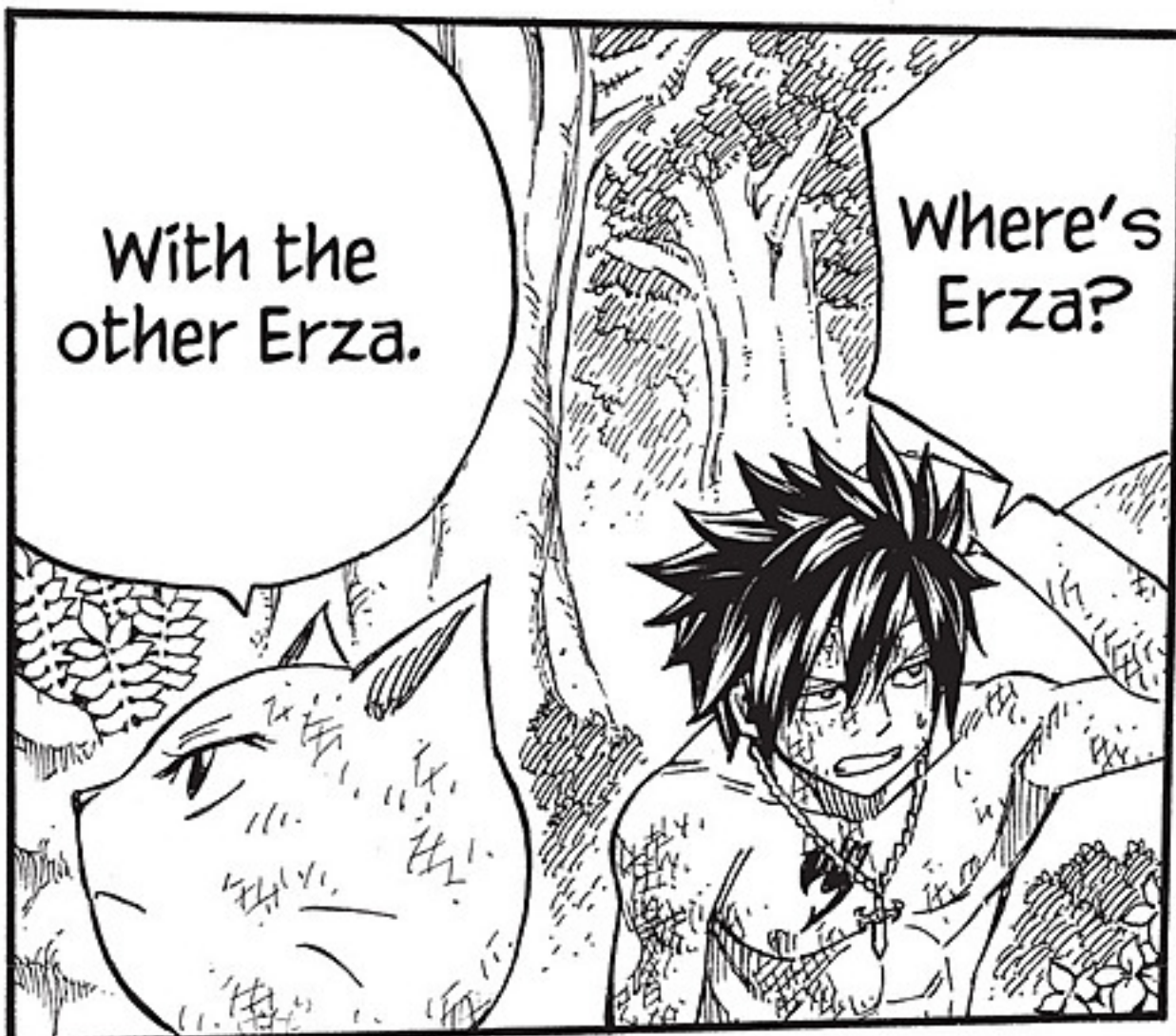
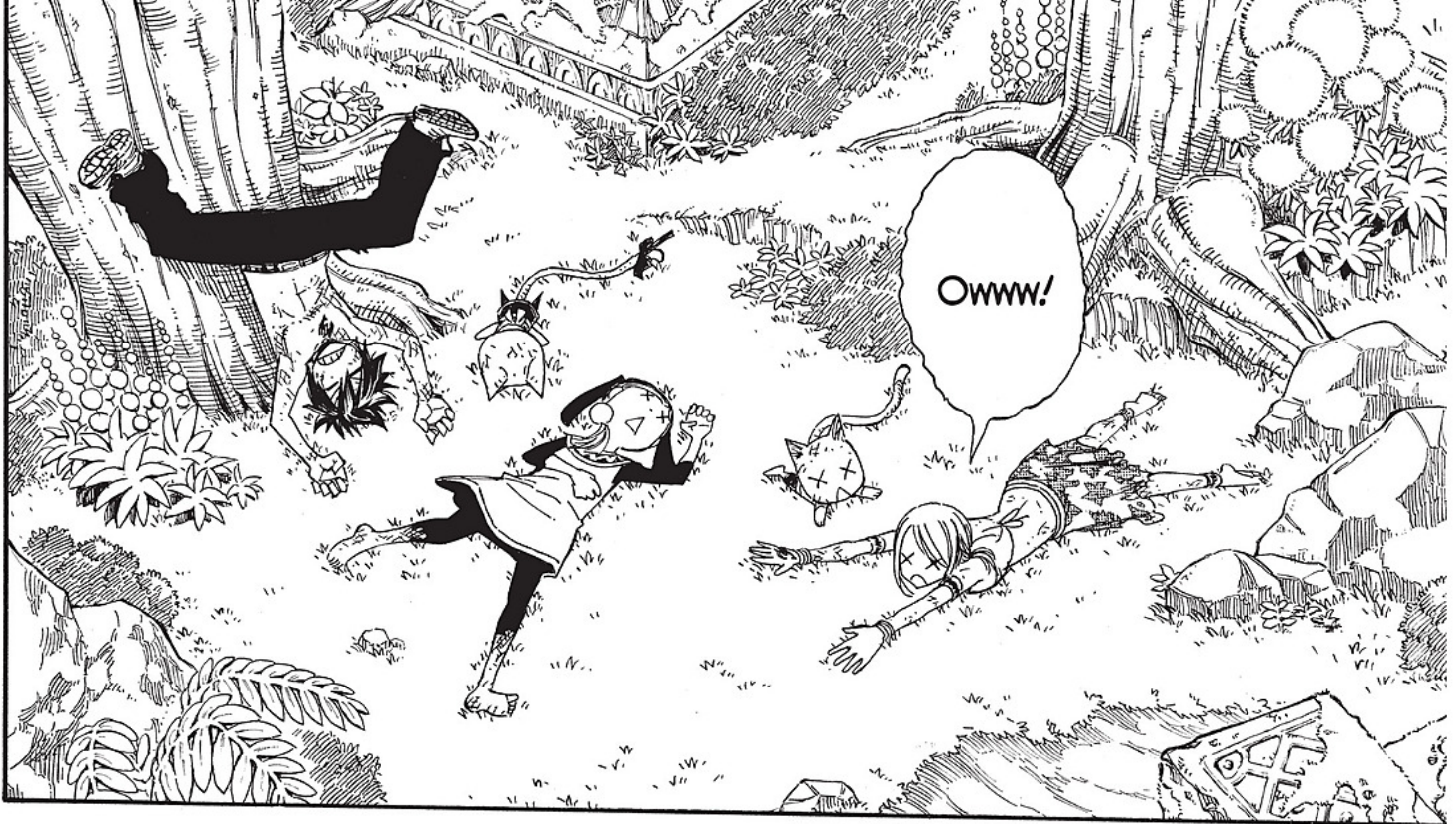


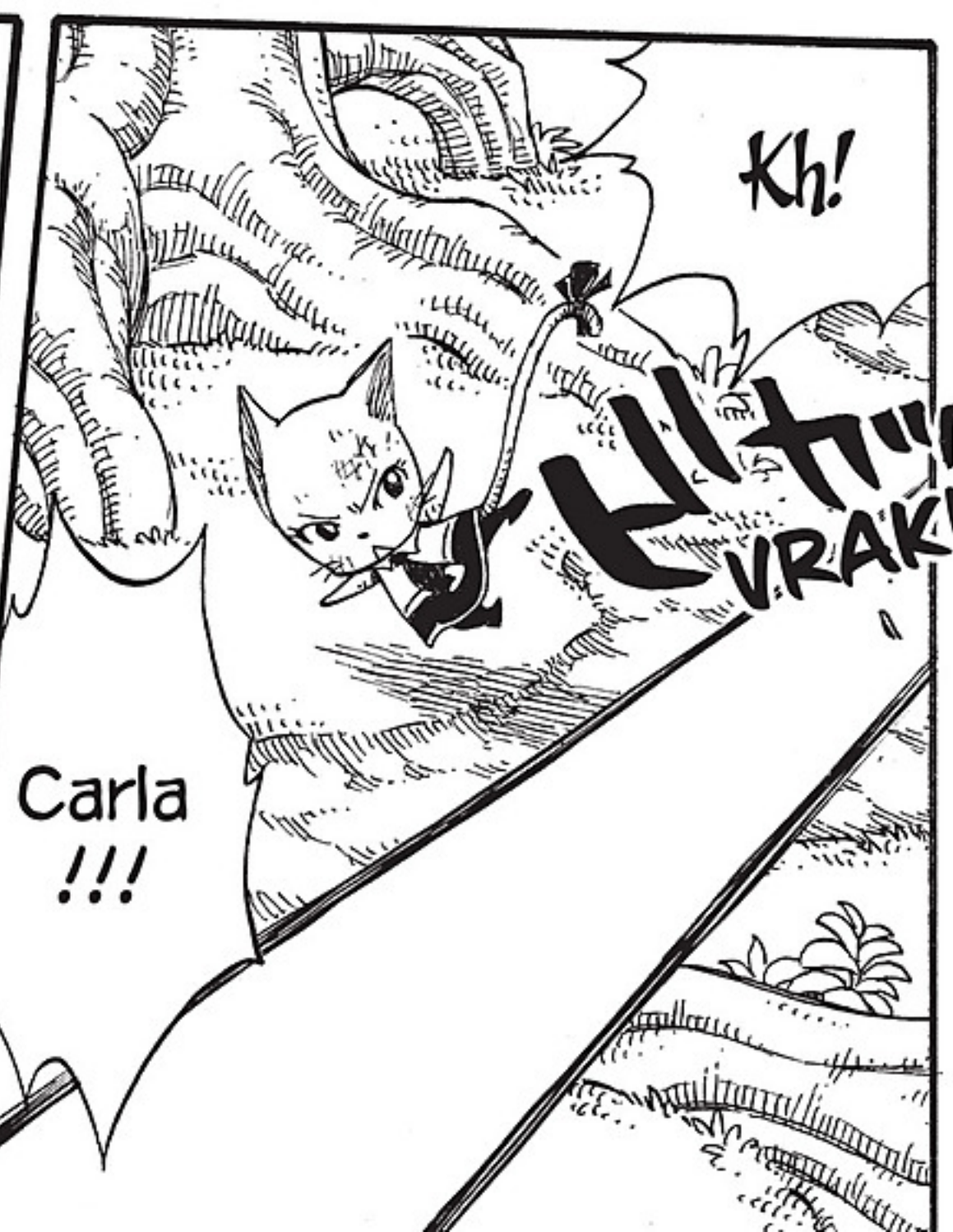
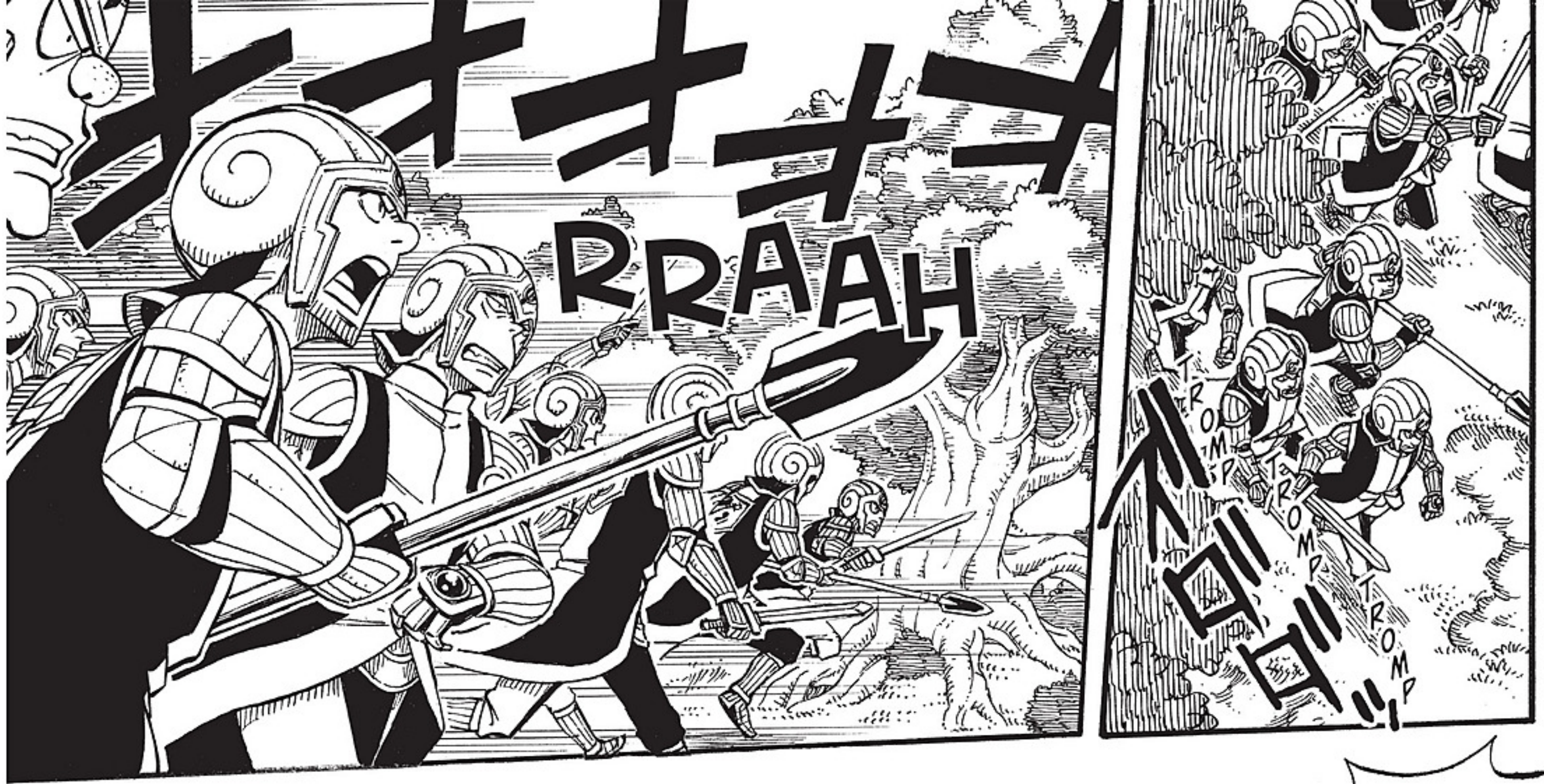
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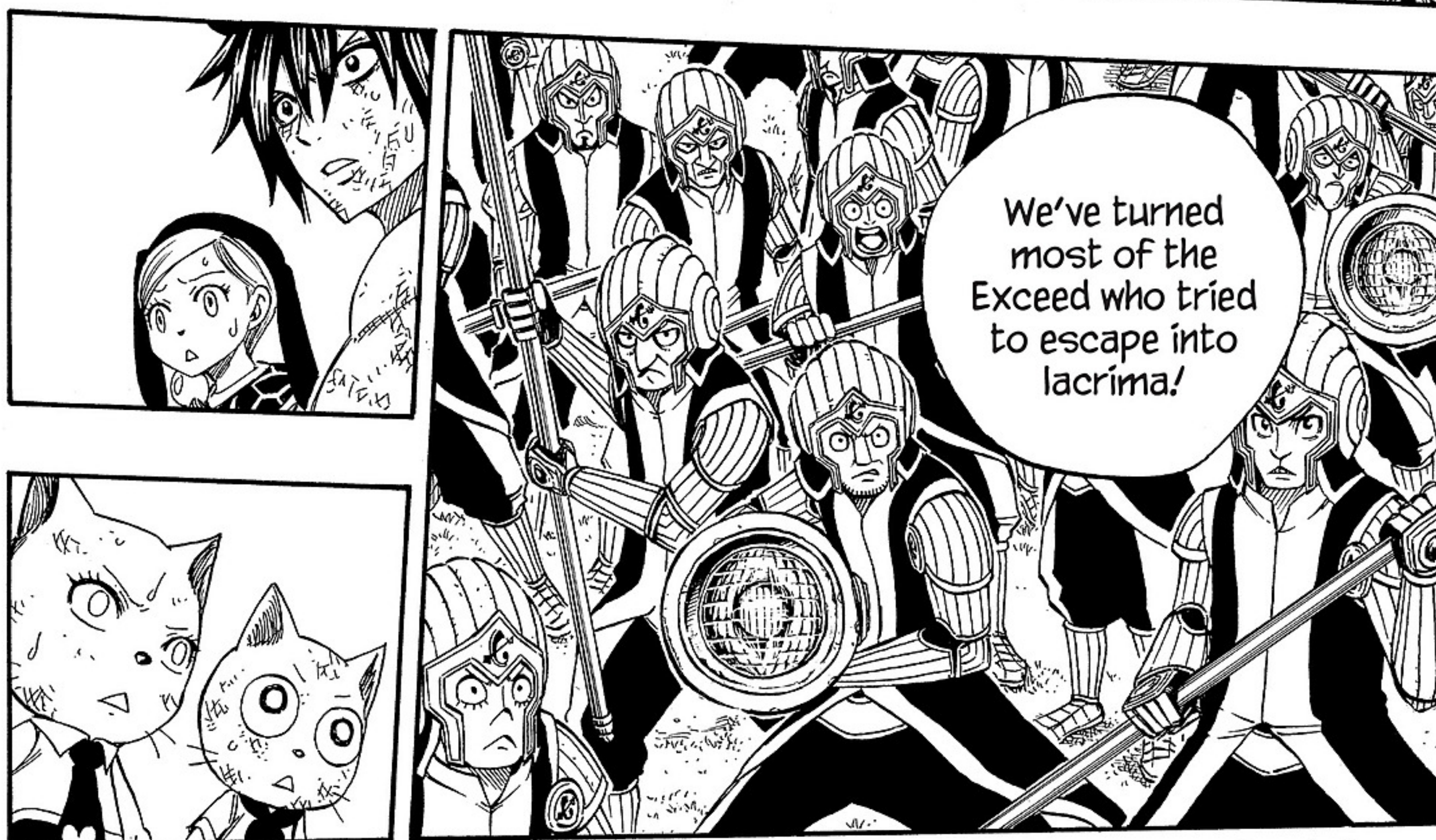
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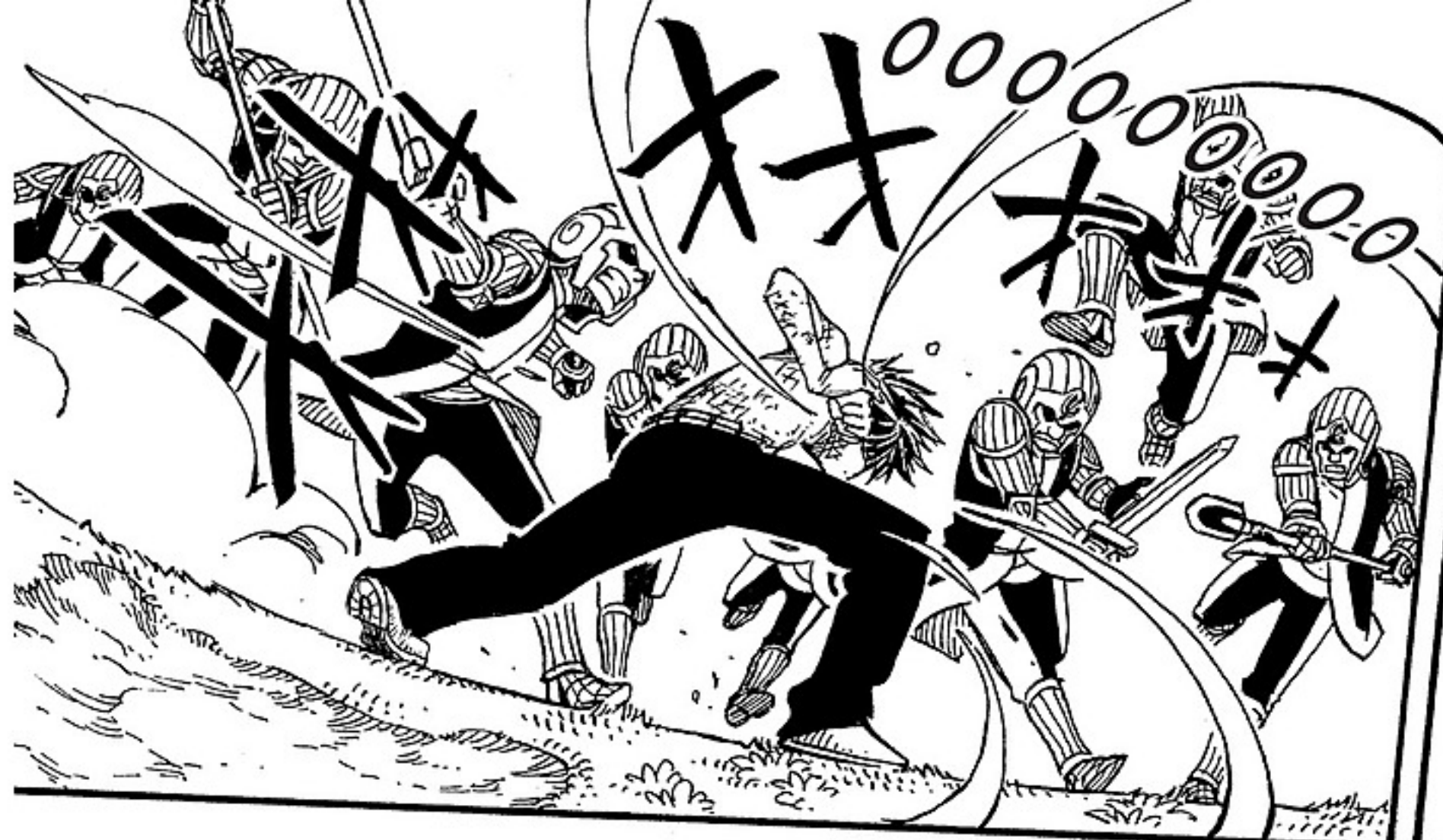
Chapter 192: Won't Run Anymore











...just to make them into a source for *your* magic?!

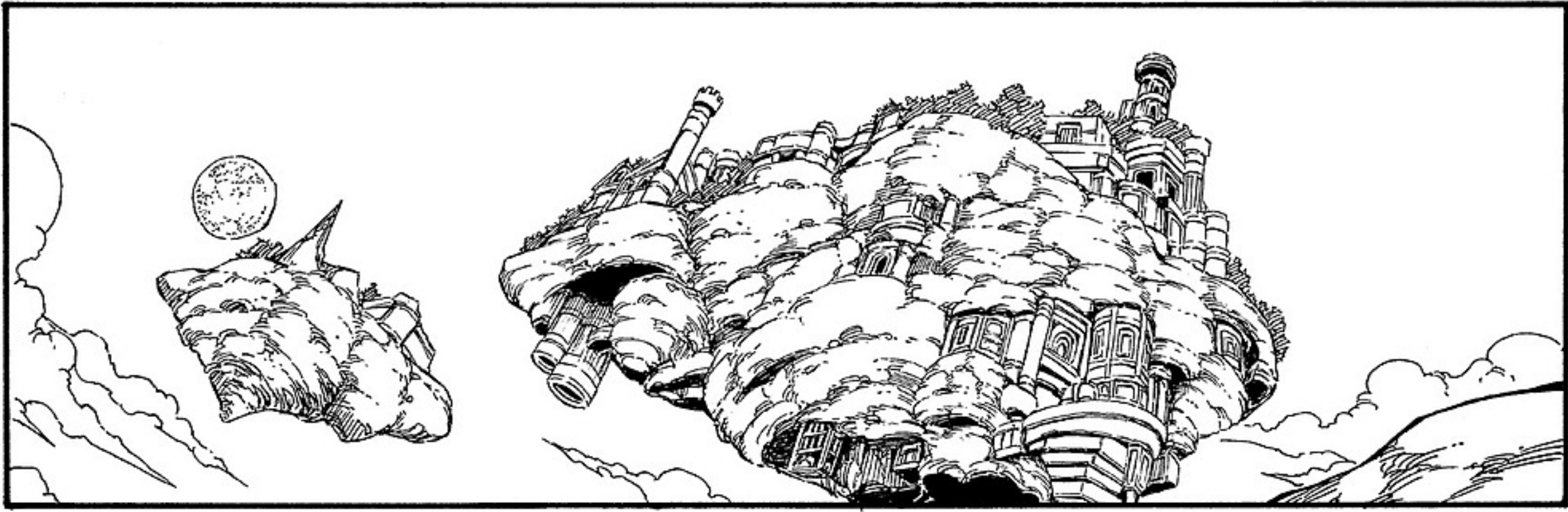
You'd do awful things to the Exceed ...



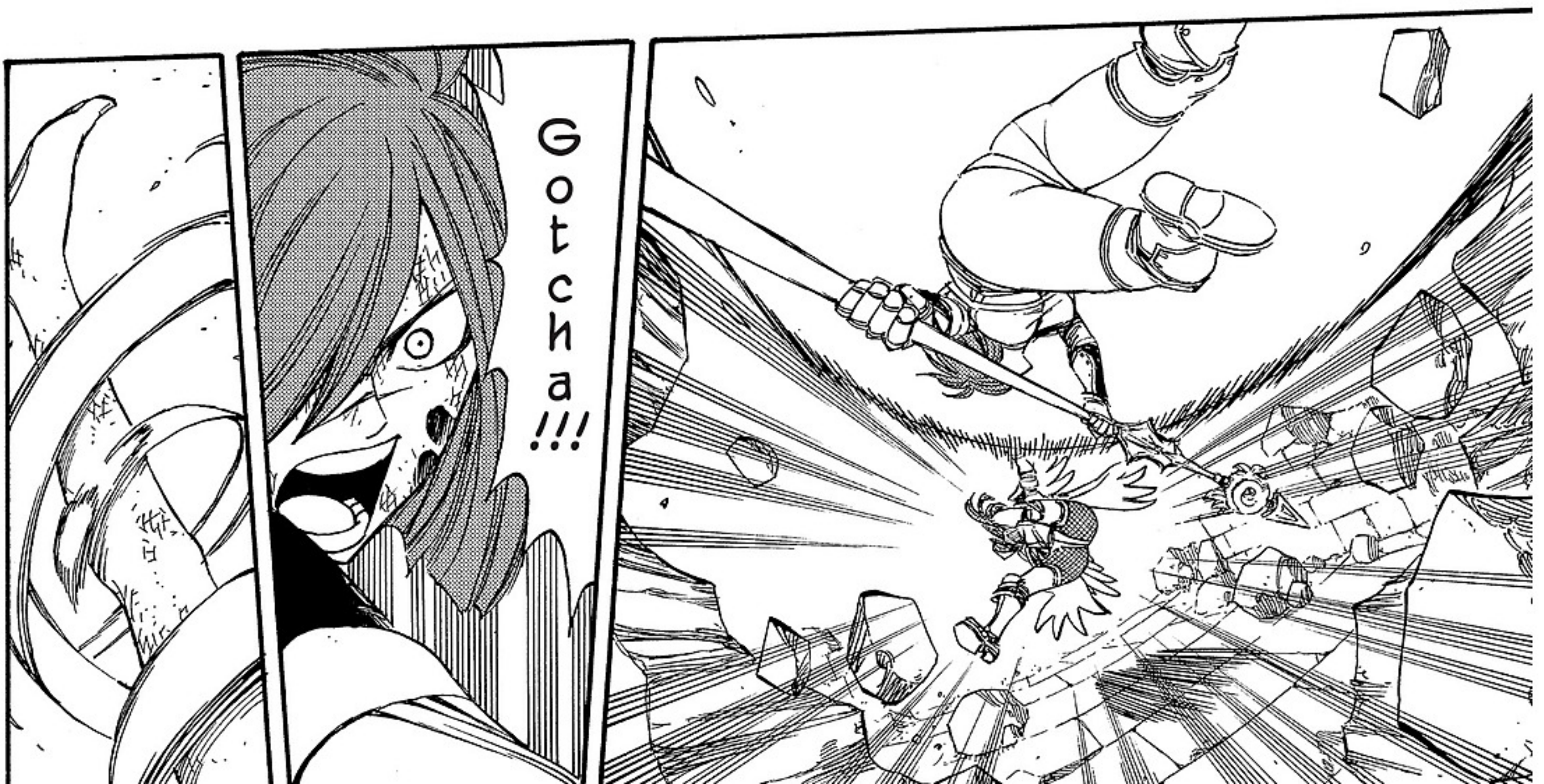
Is that what the humans of this world do?!

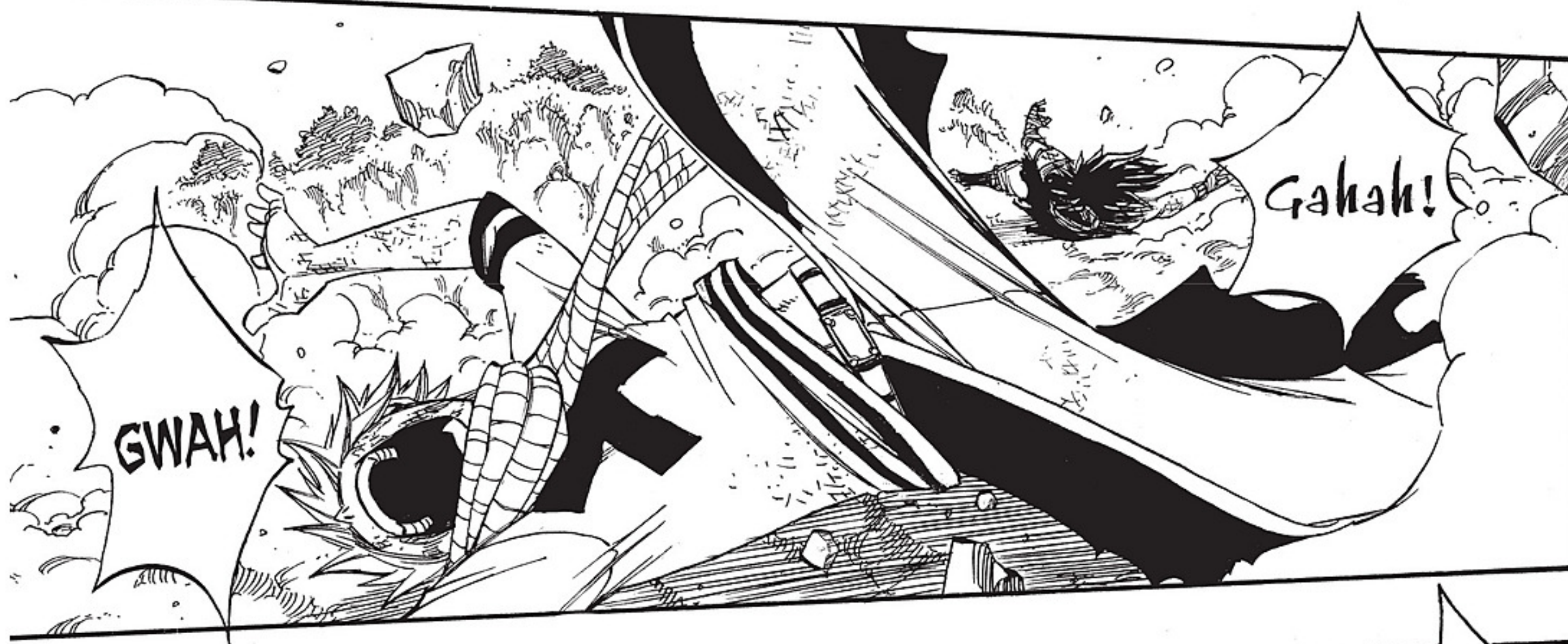
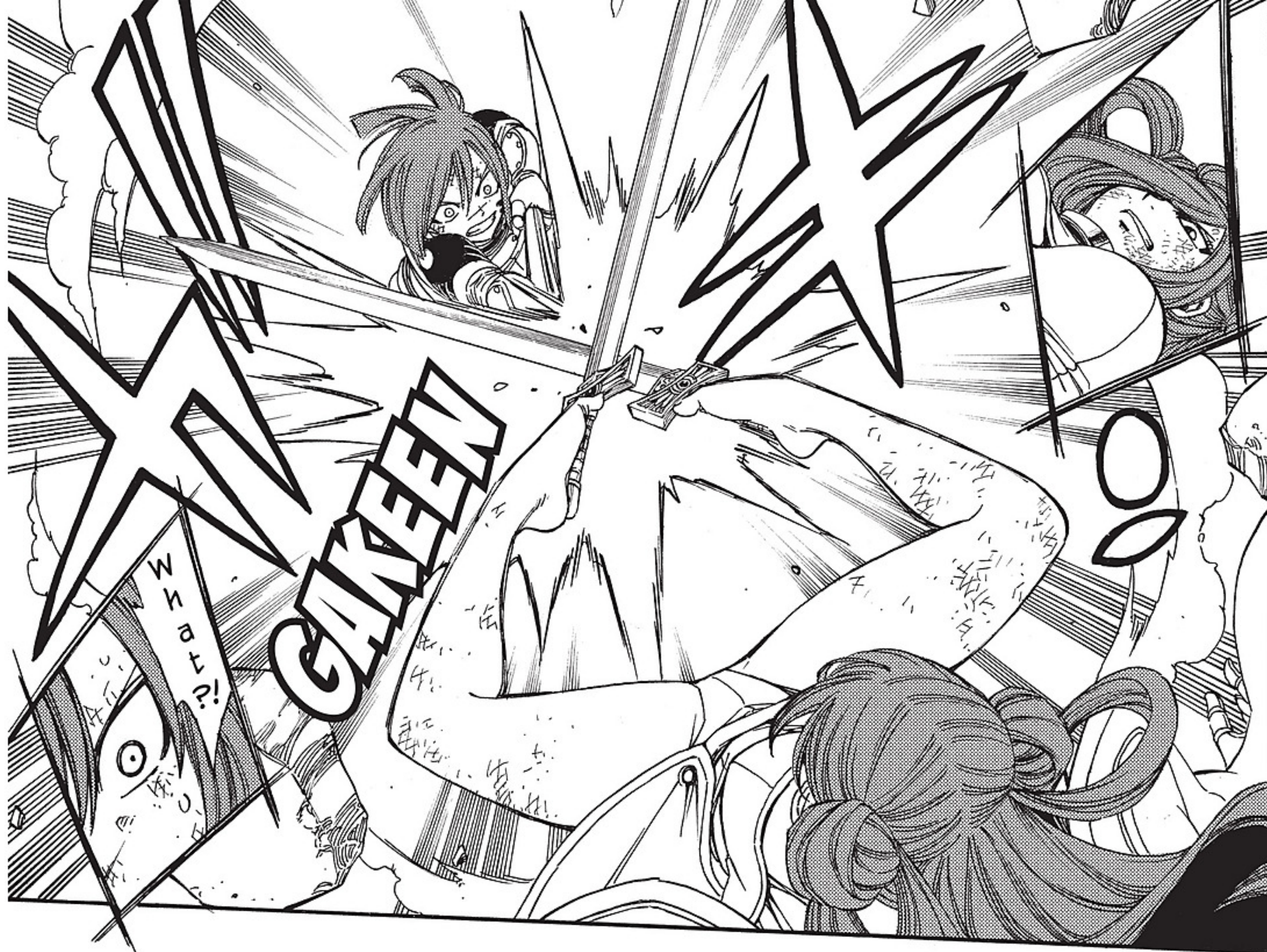


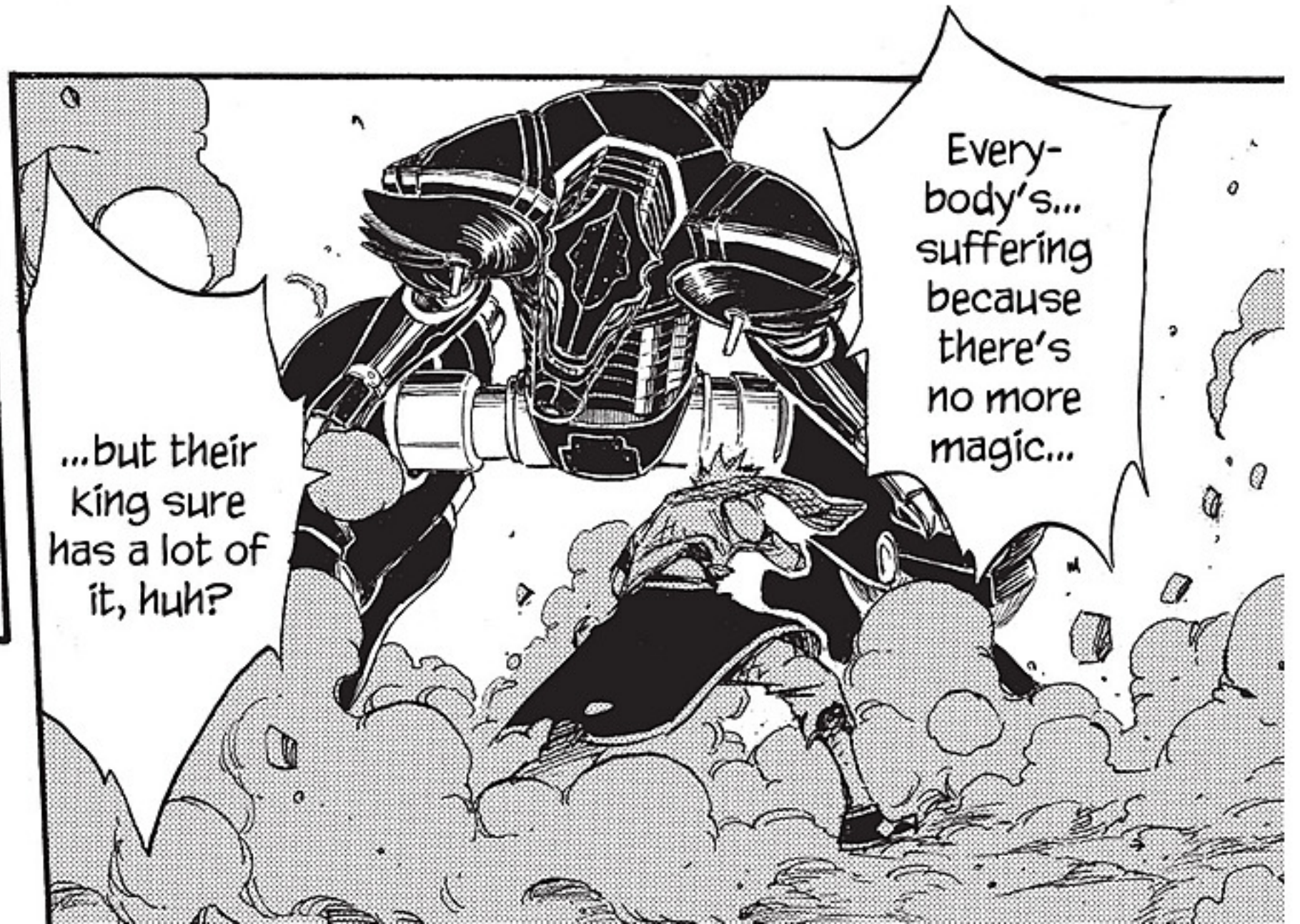
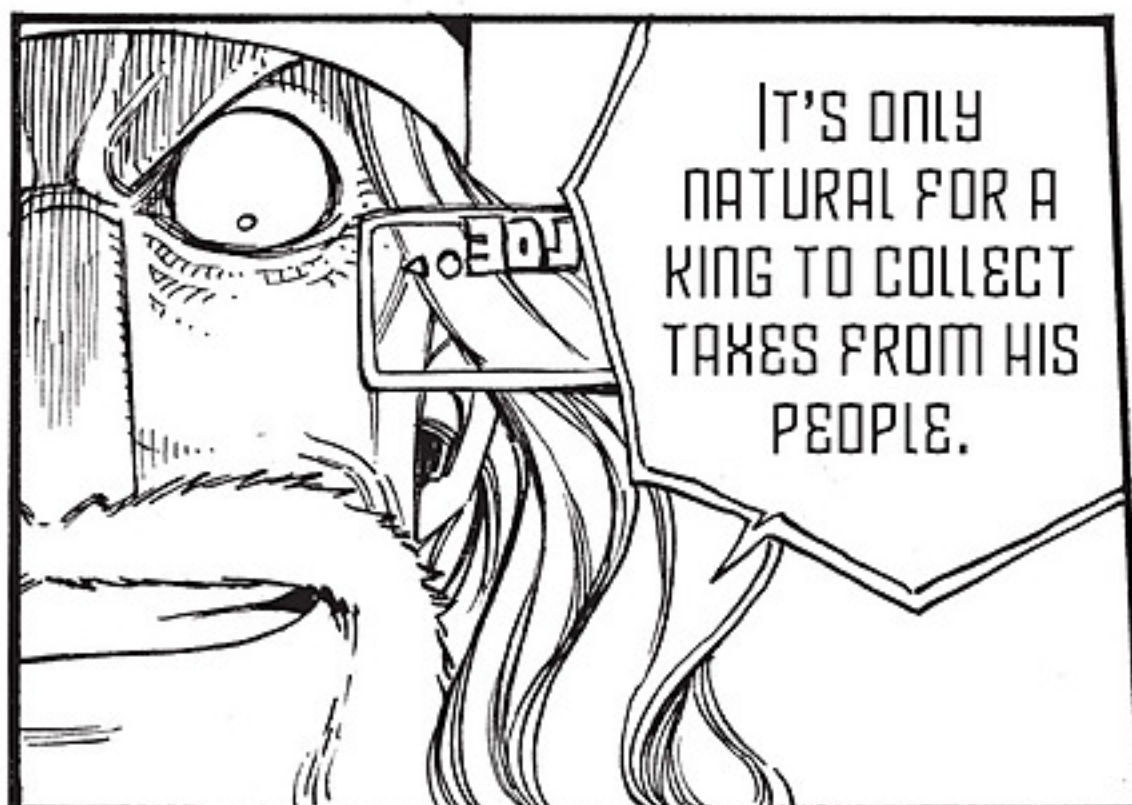
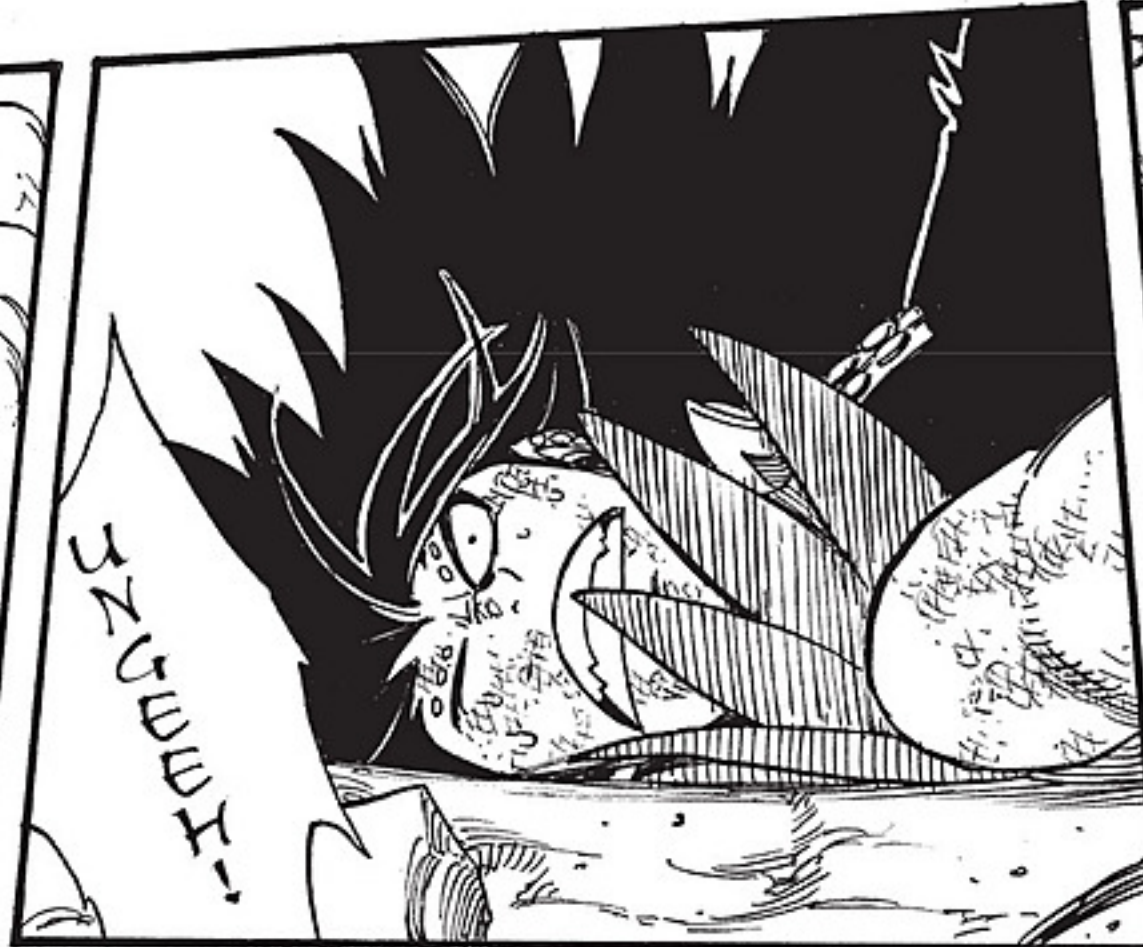
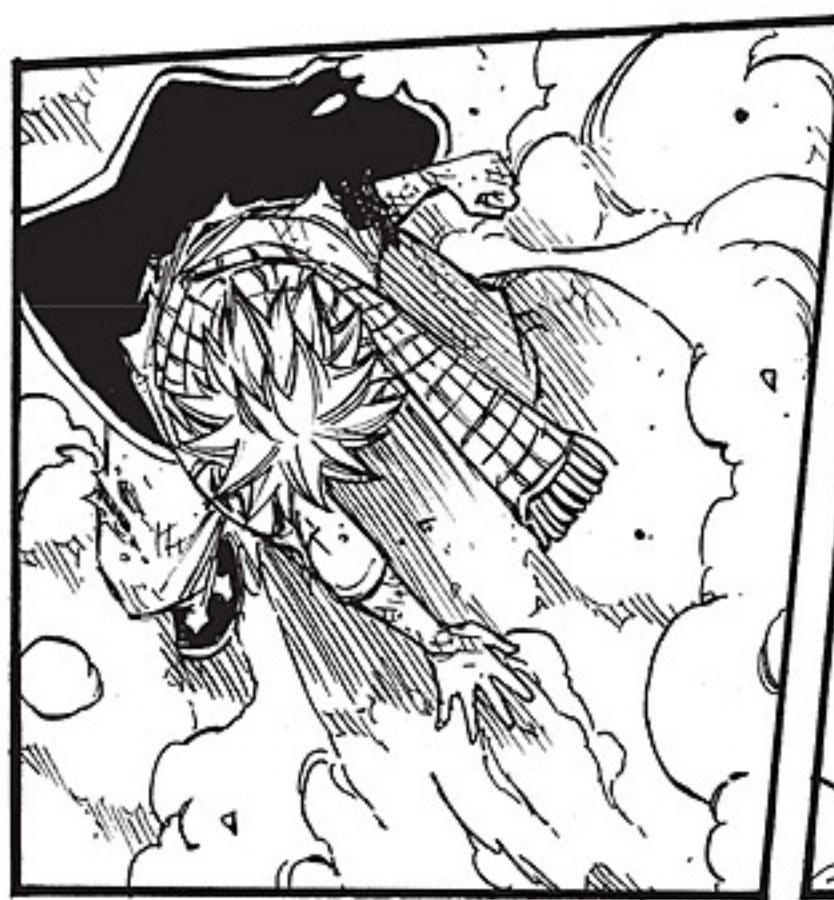
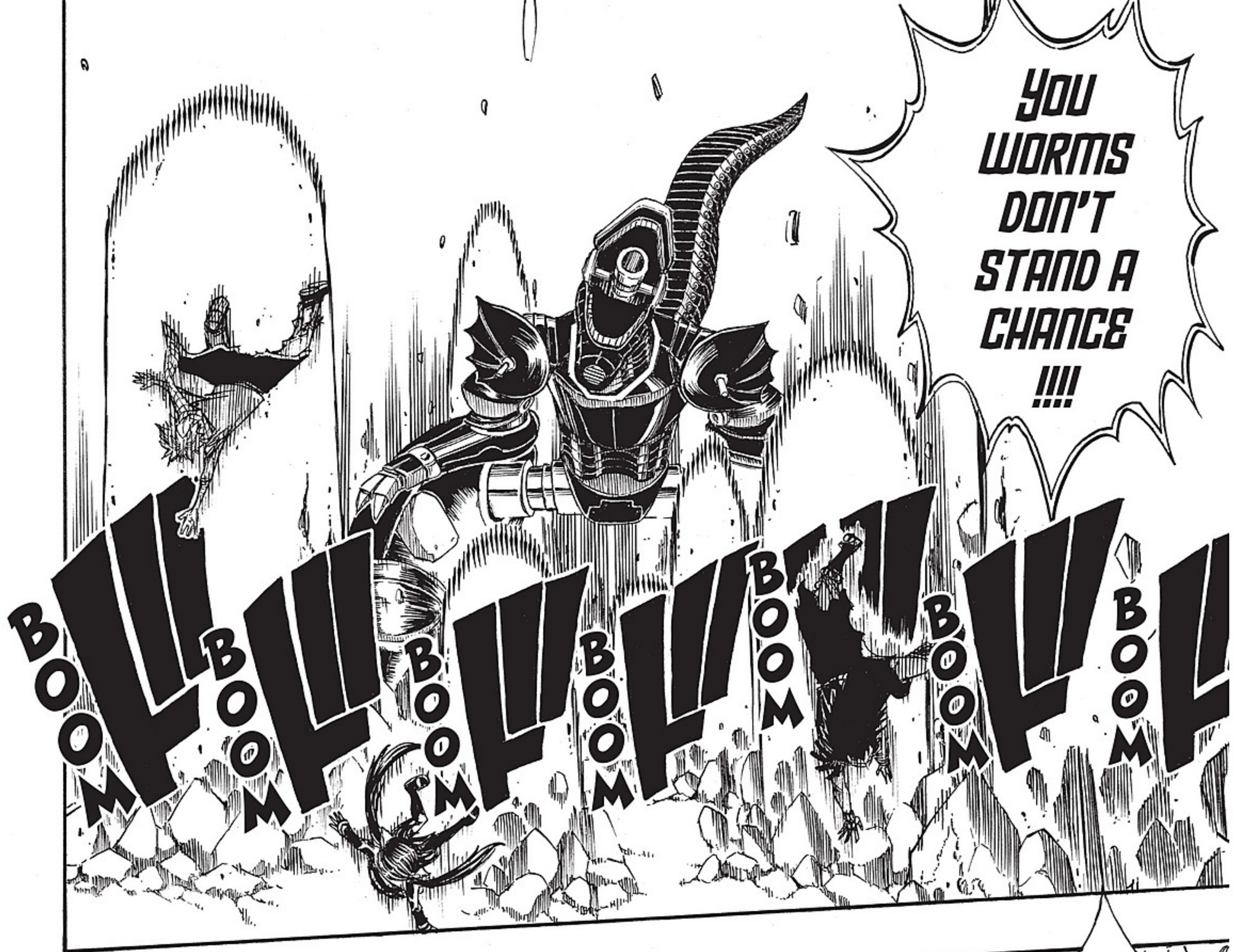
Well you butt-wipes aren't getting your hands on my friends!!!

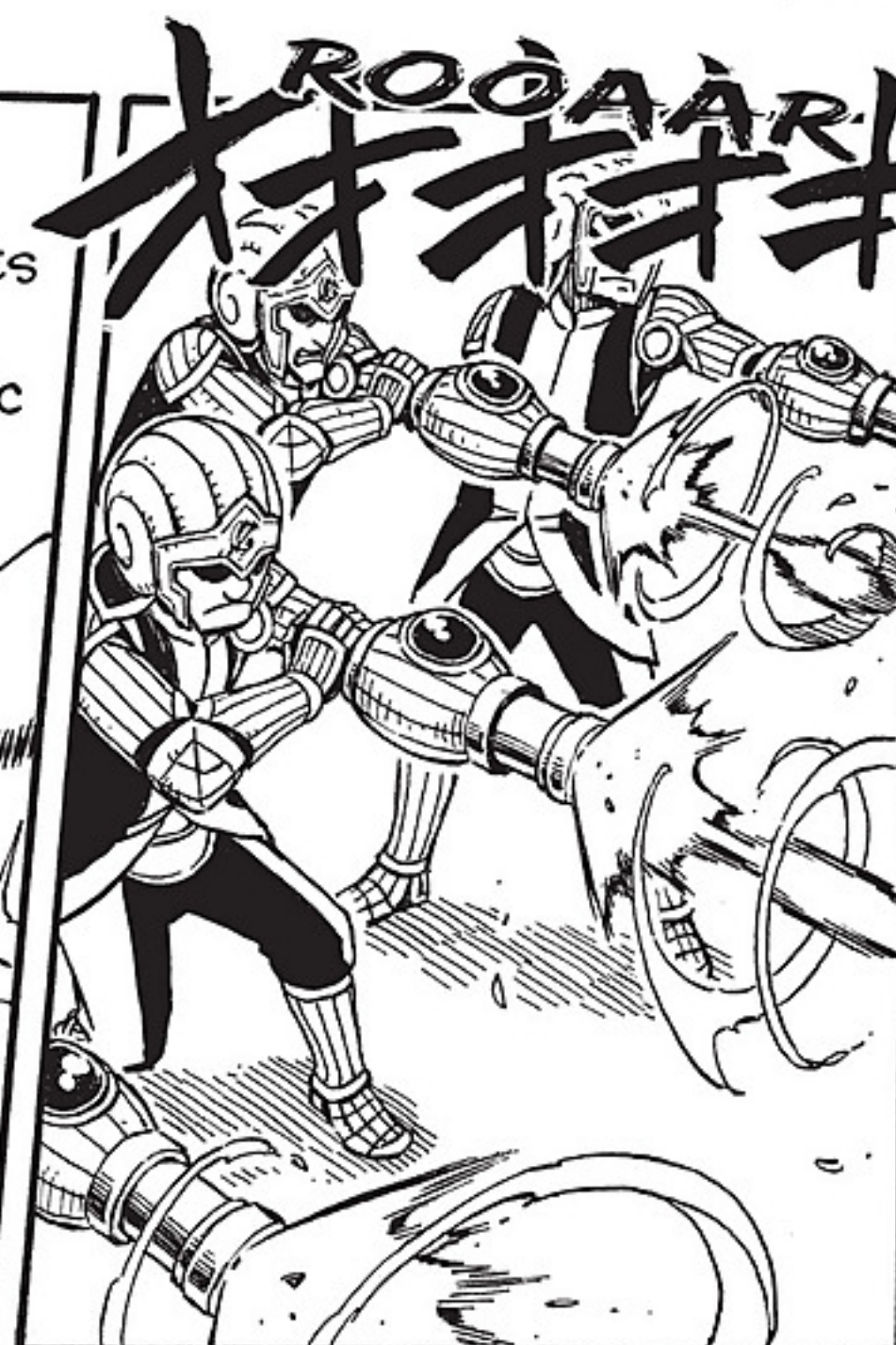
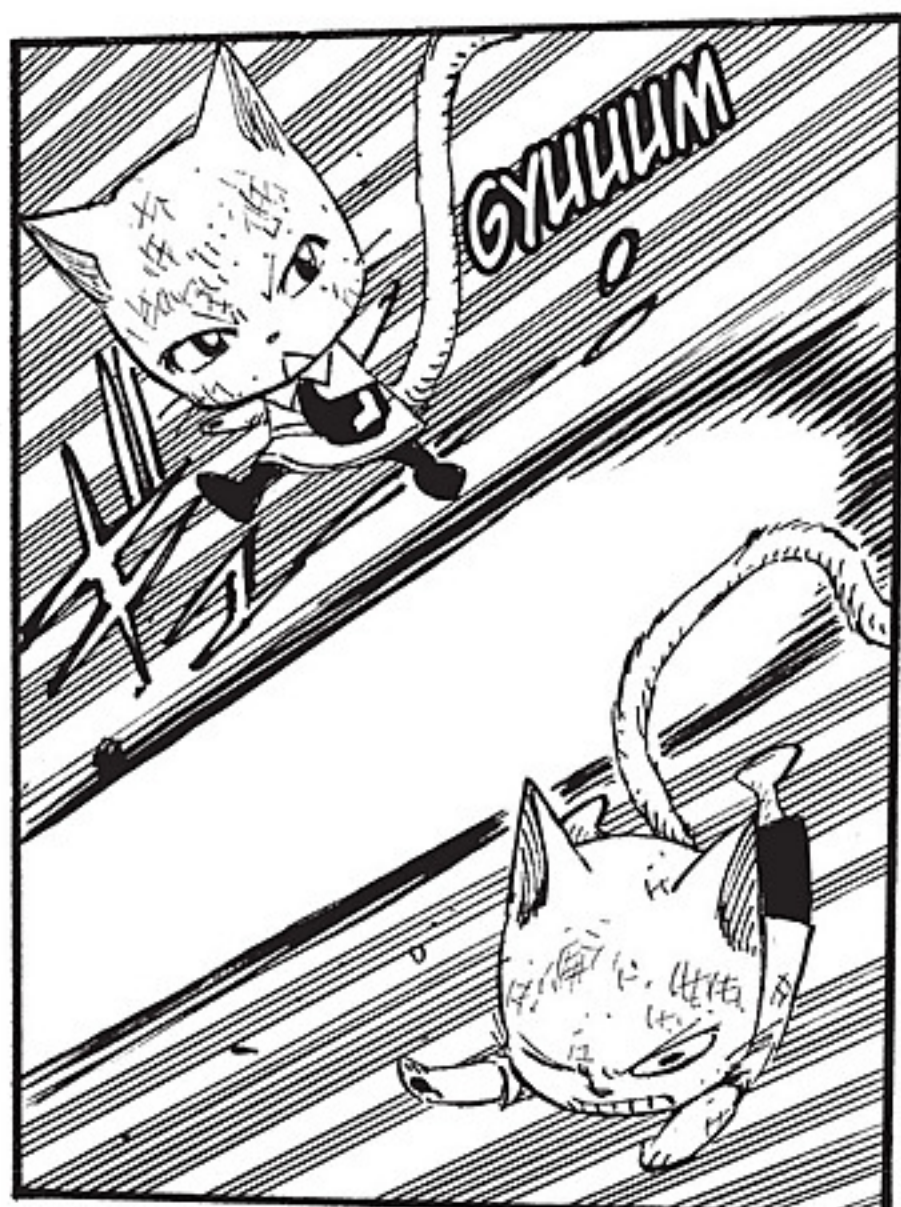












**THAT IS
WHY IT IS
FORBIDDEN!!!!
ONCE IT IS
UNLEASHED,
IT MUST BE
VICTORIOUS!!!!**

**THE DROMA
ANIM IS THE
ULTIMATE
MAGICAL
WEAPON,
CONTINUALLY
DRAINING THE
ENTIRE WORLD
OF MAGIC!!!**

**FOR THE
SAKE OF
THE ENTIRE
WORLD!!!!**

I don't
know
about the
"world"...

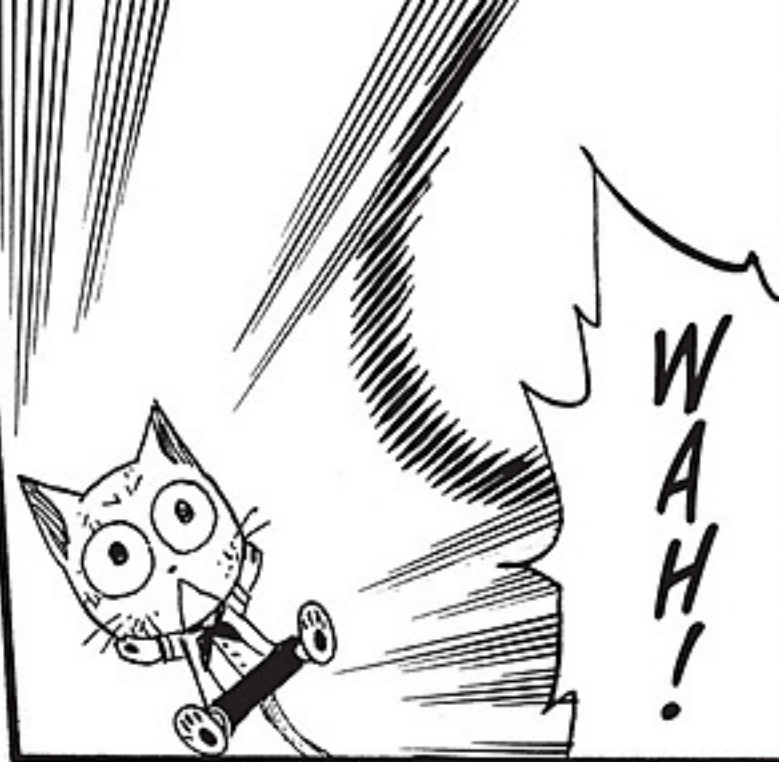
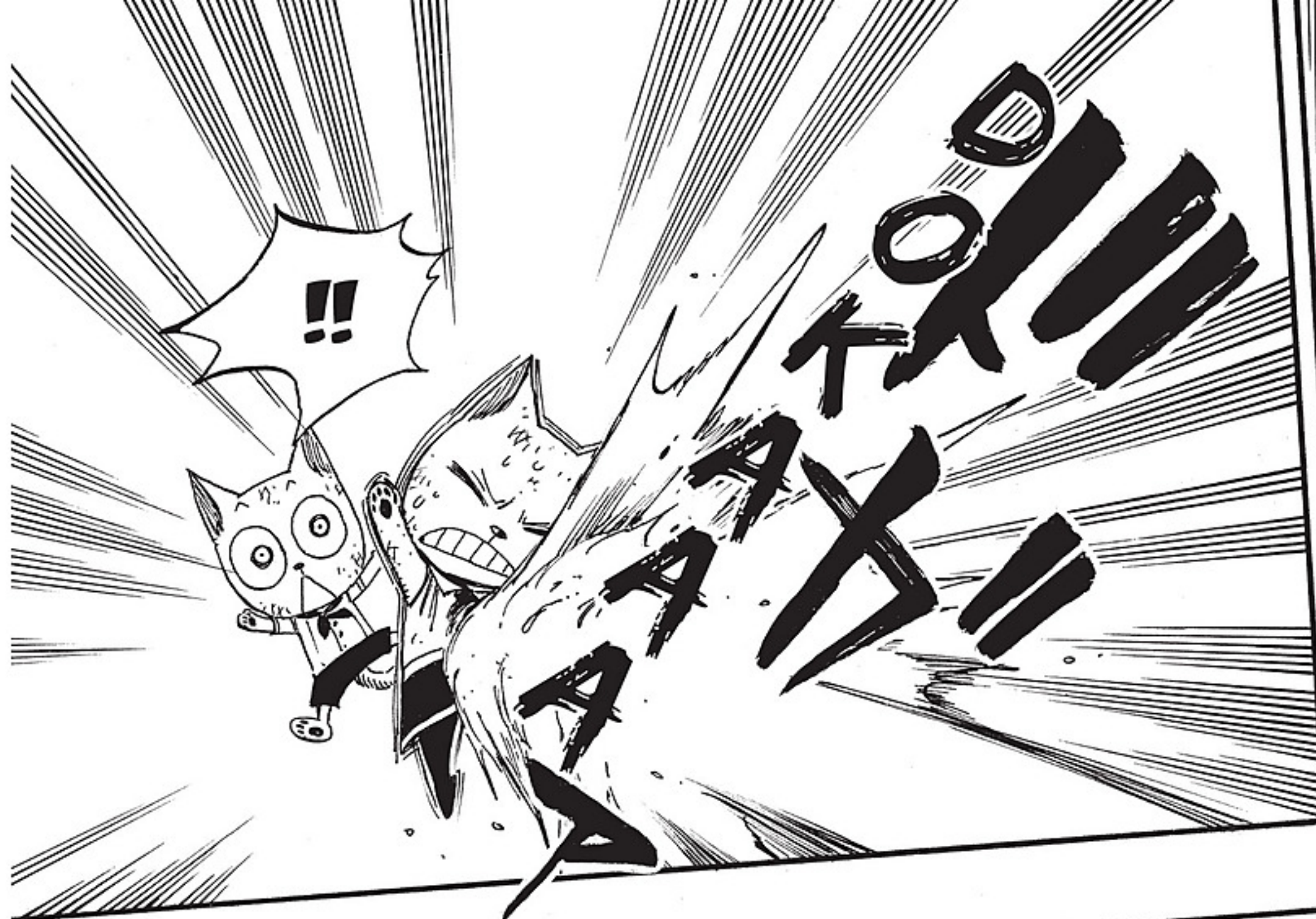
We
entered
our guild
to help
people
live.

You got
some guts
saying that
after stealing
magic from
everybody!

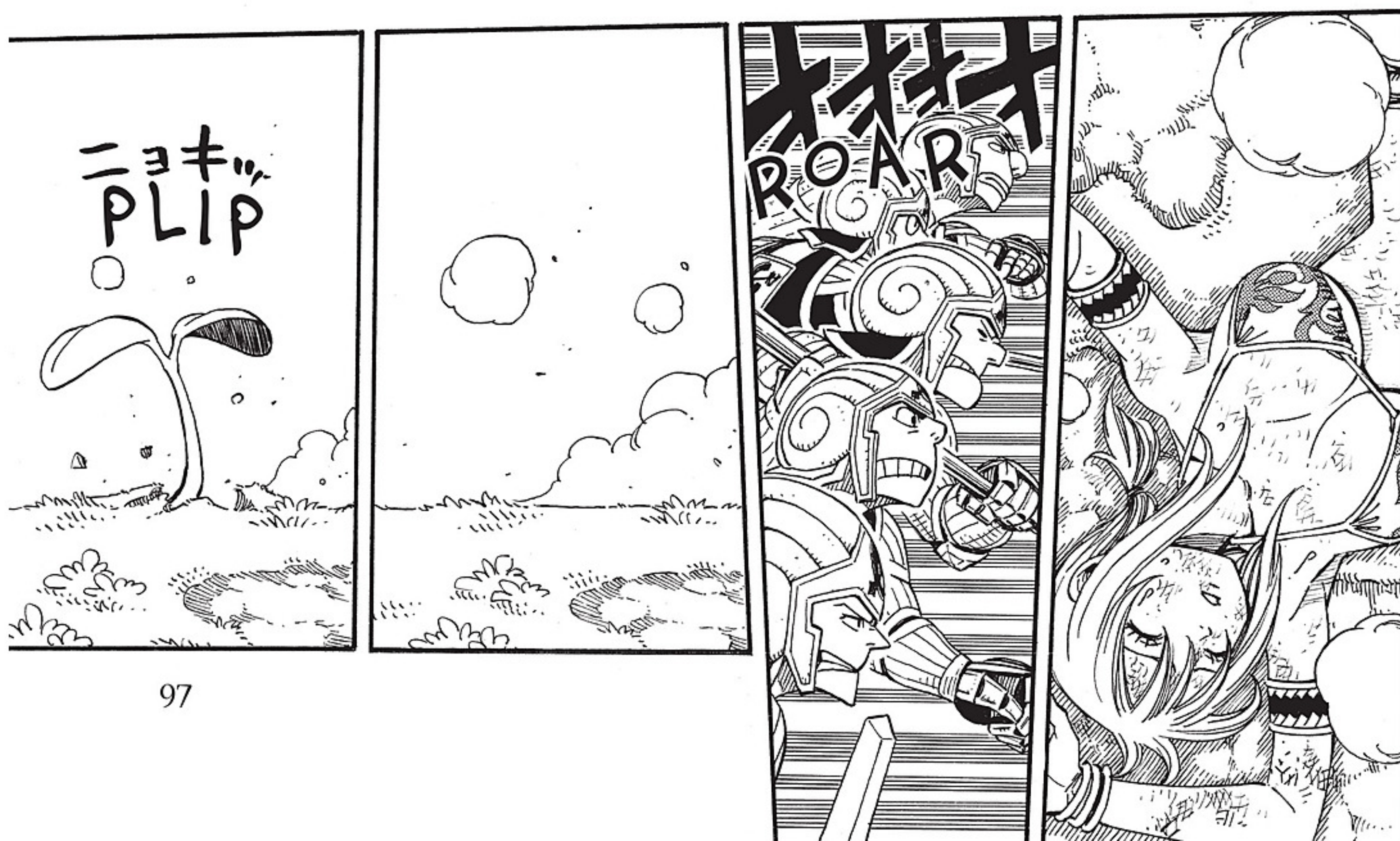
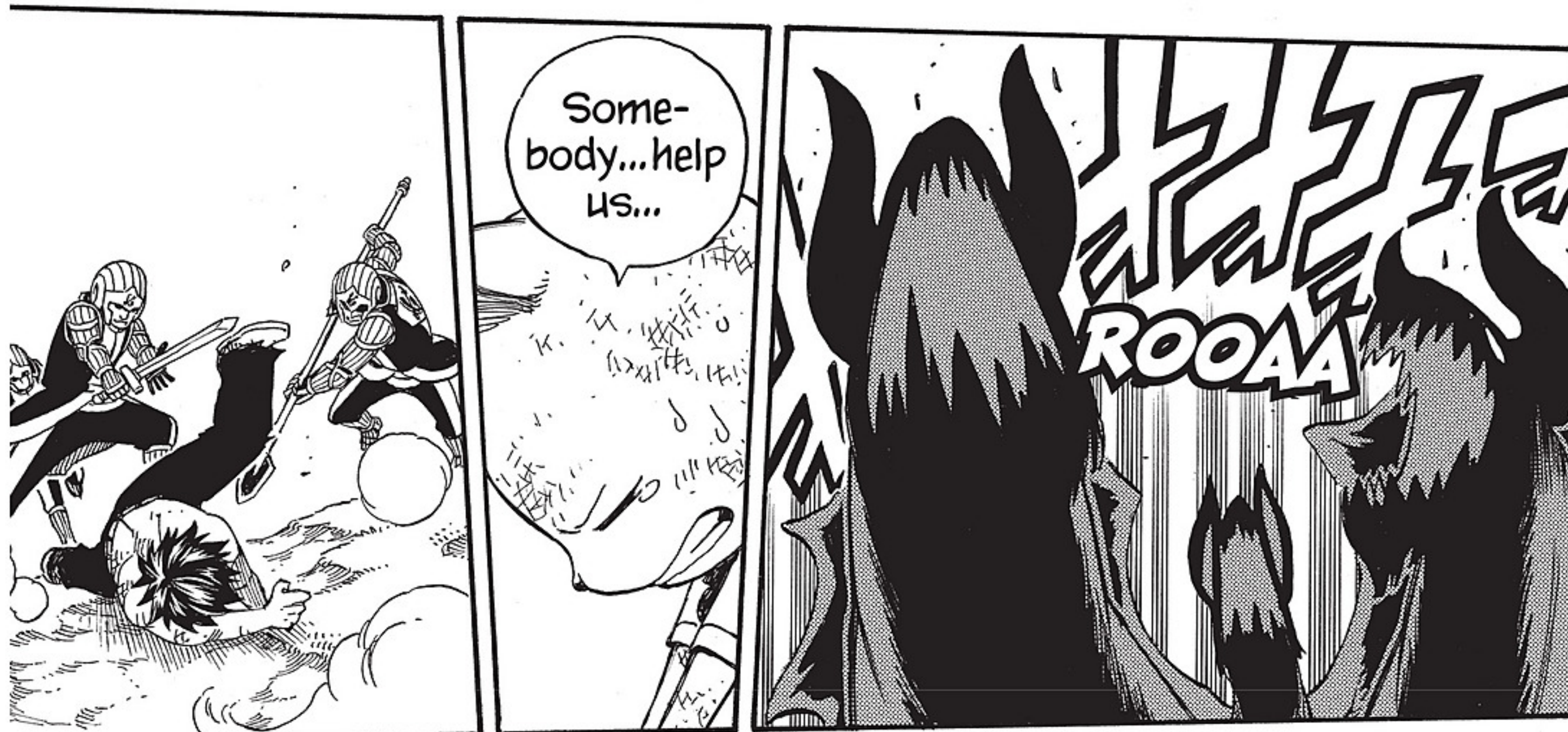
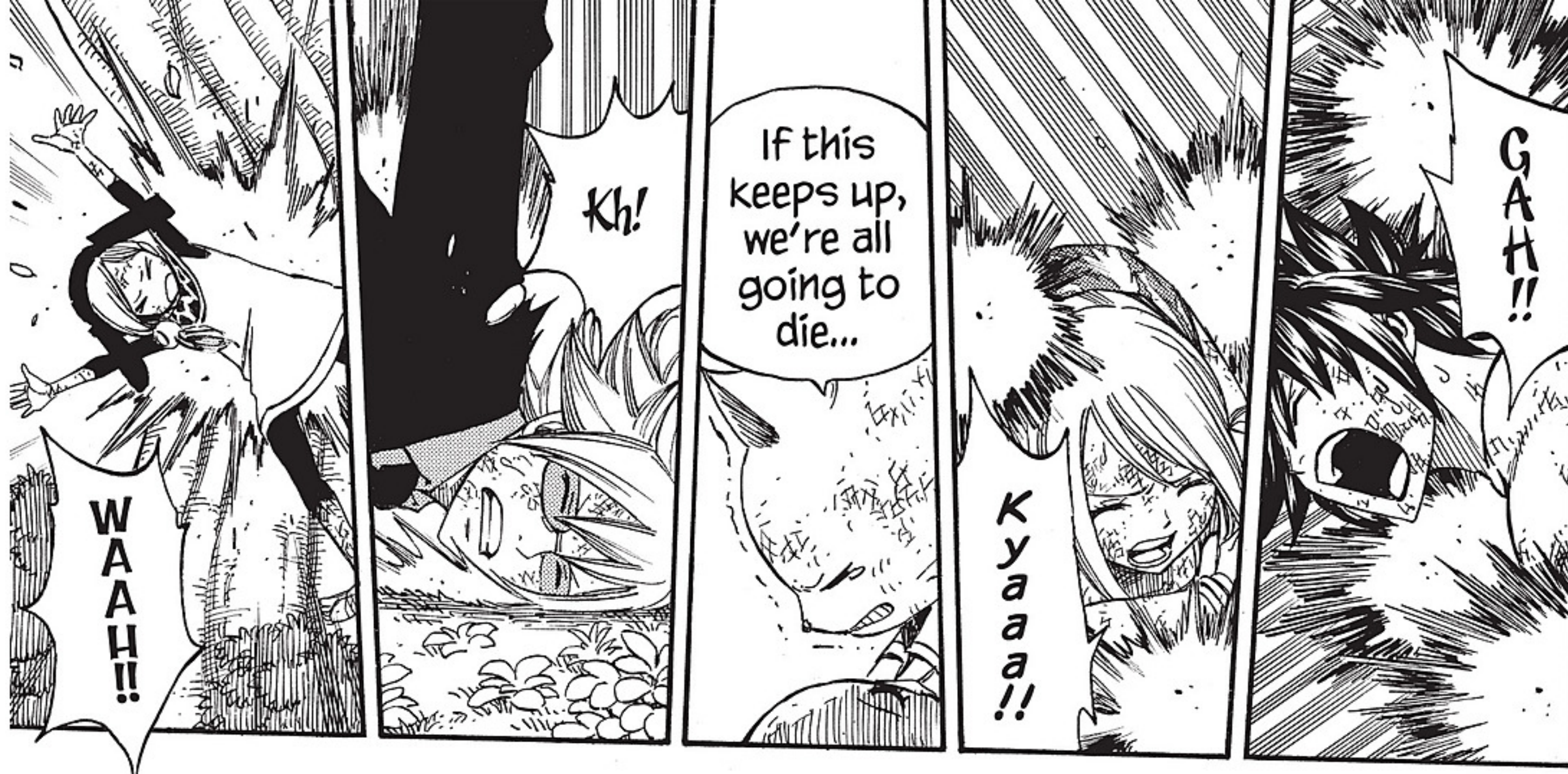
Give me
a break!

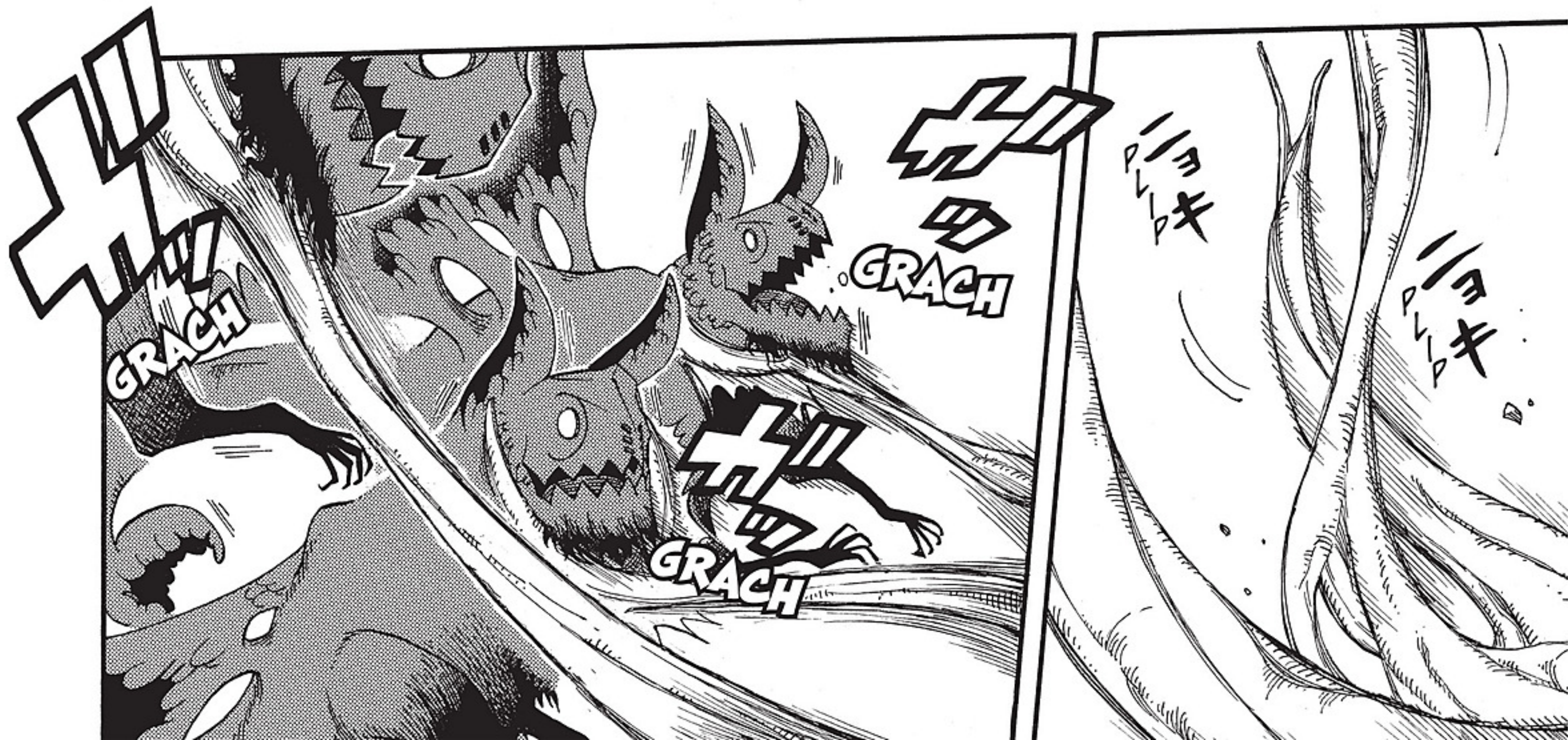
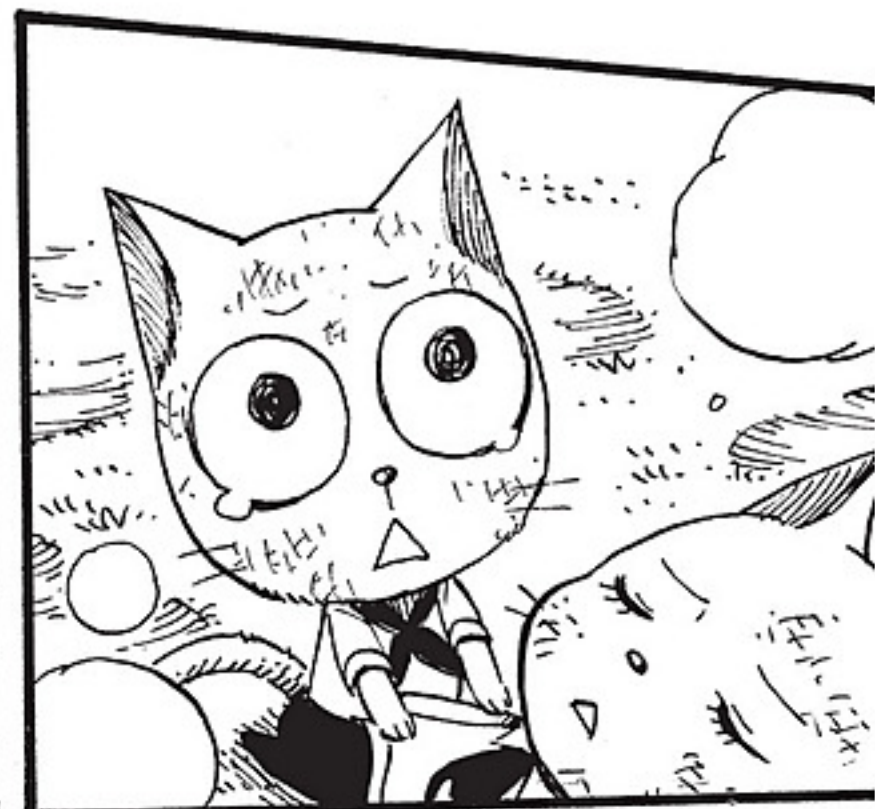
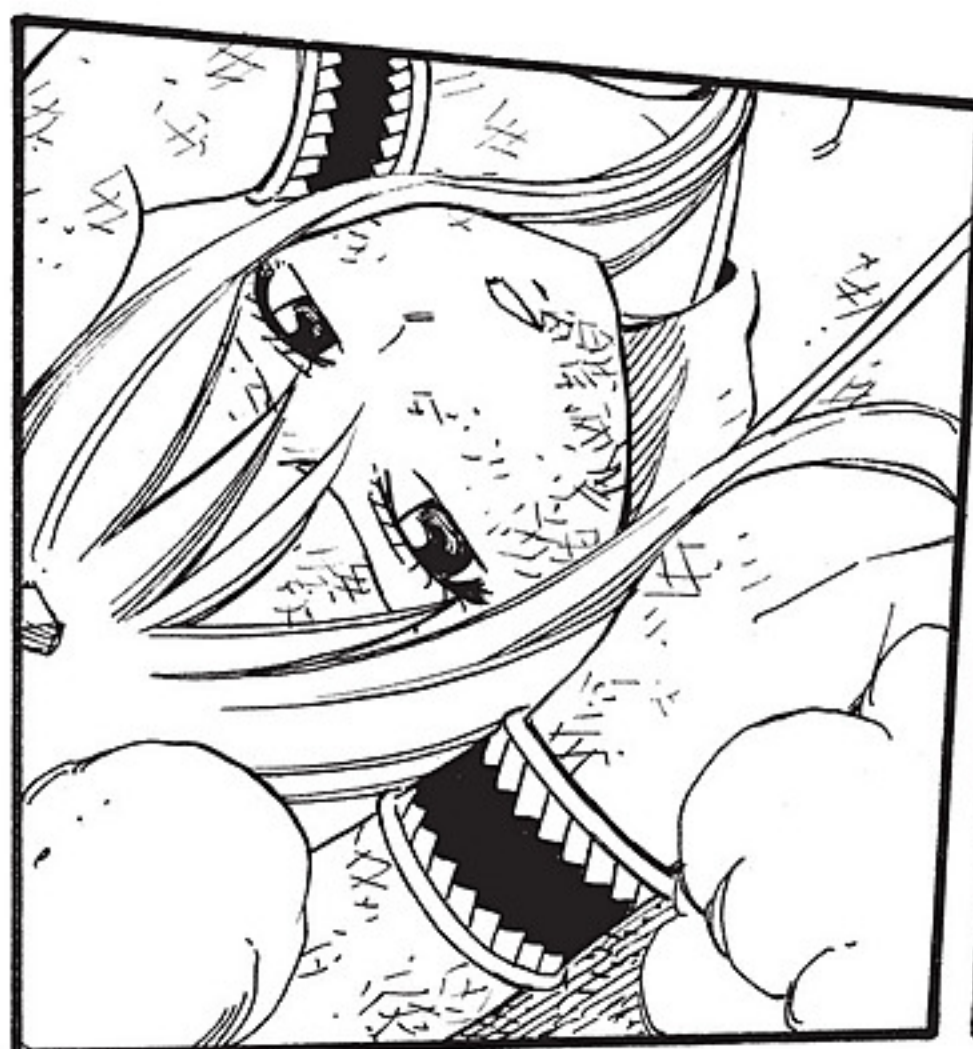
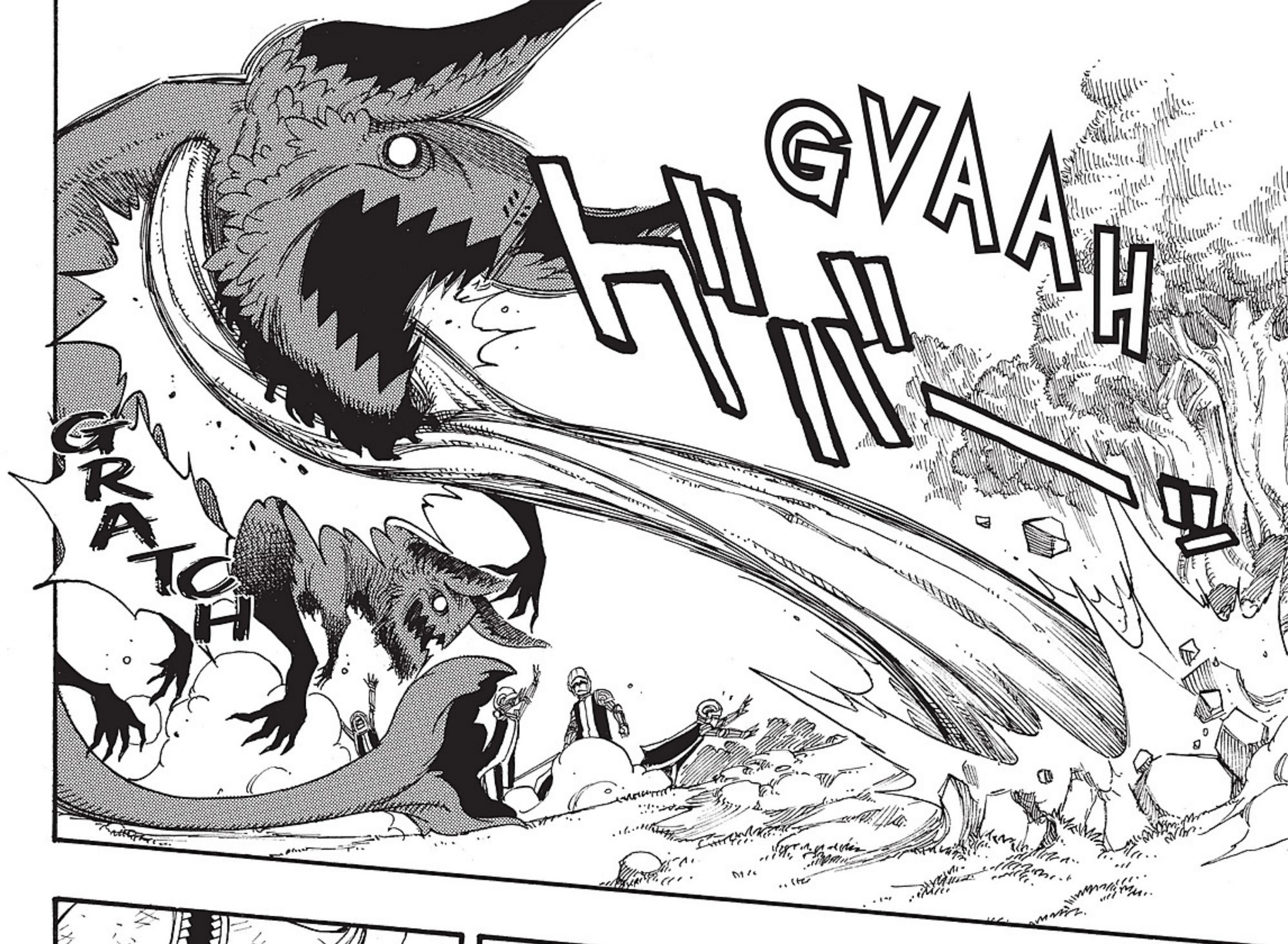
**We're
gonna
take you
down!!!!**

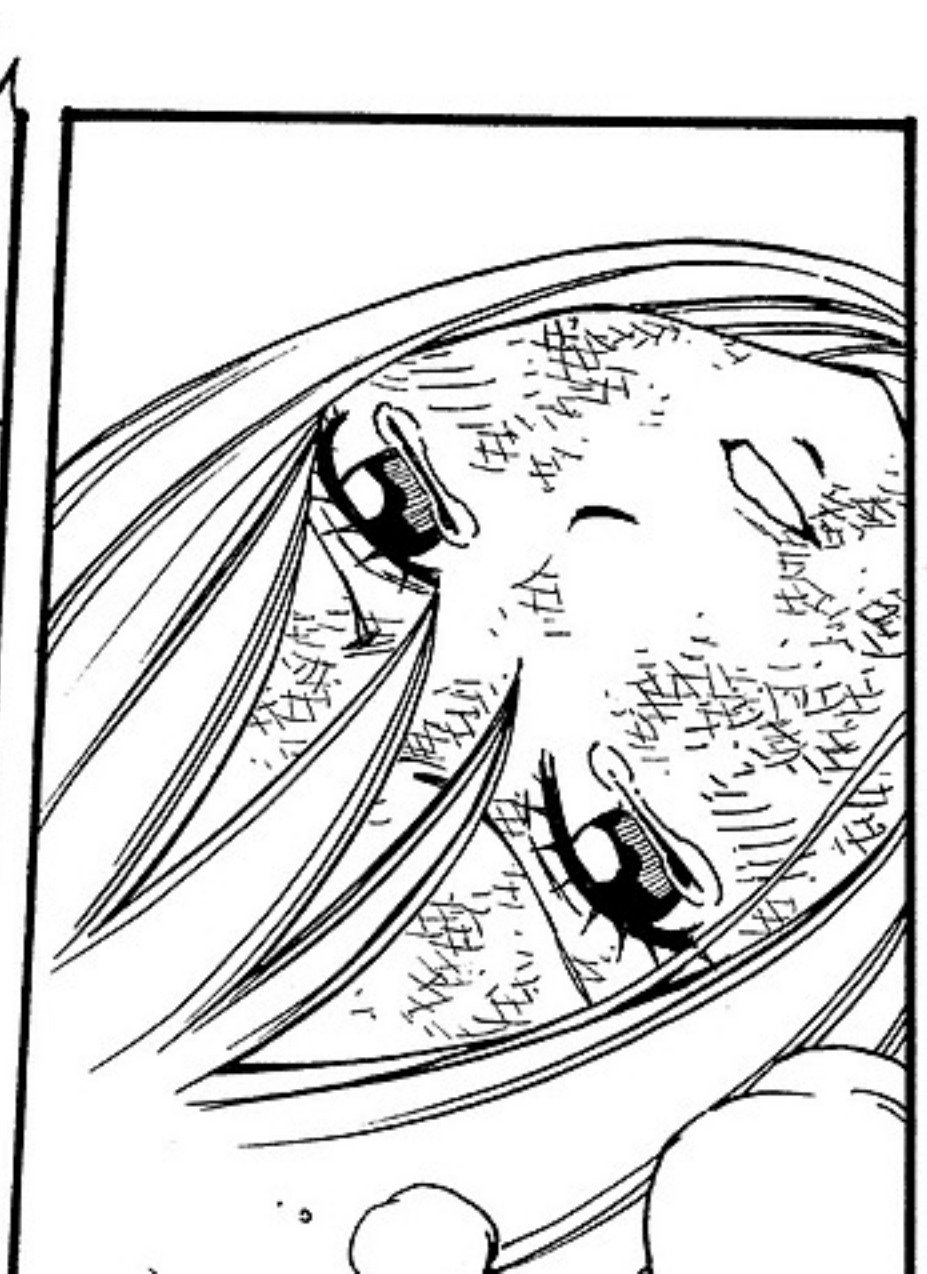
**But for
everybody
living in
it...**













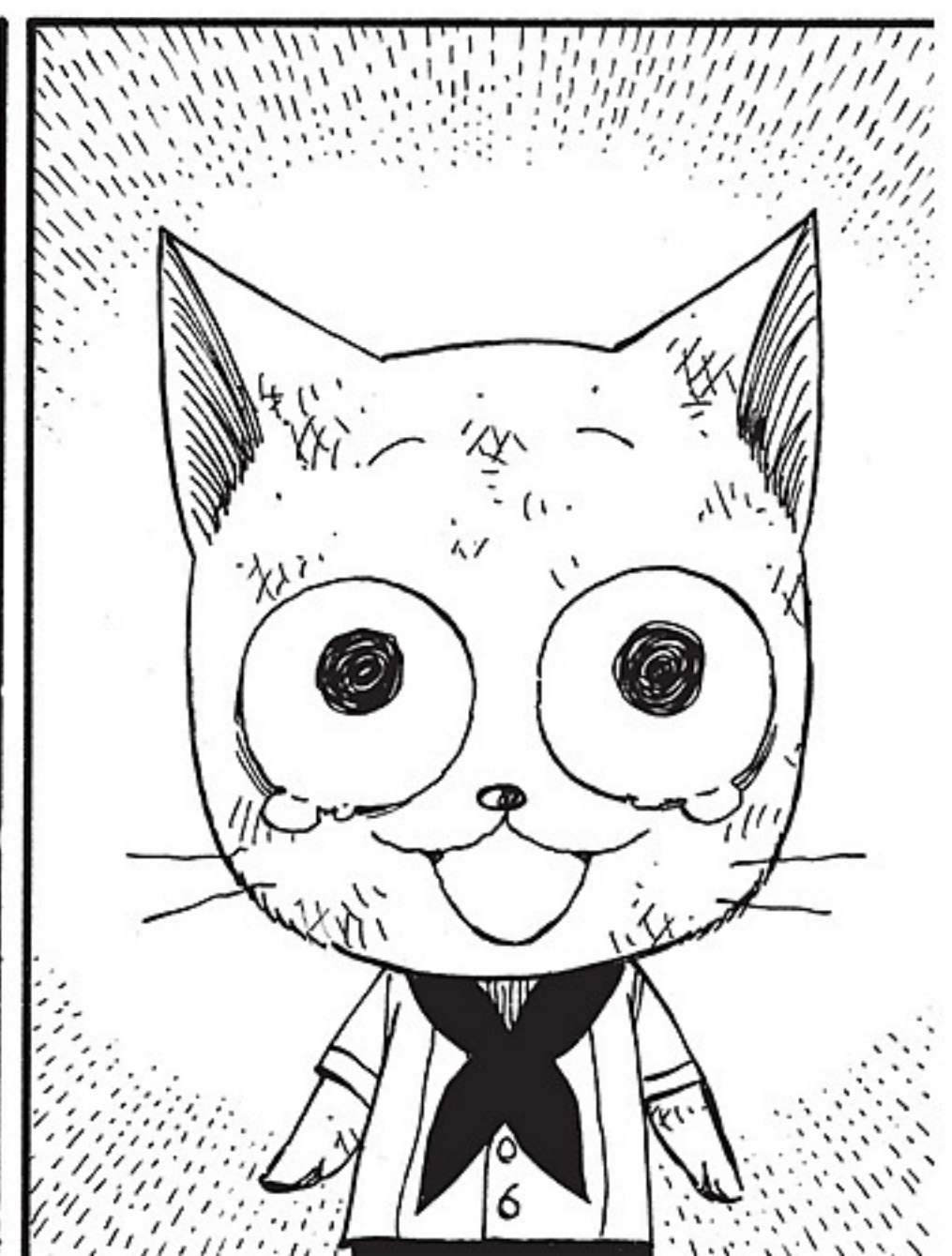
**Fairy
Tail
?!**

We can't
keep
running
forever
!!!

Let's
do it!

Yeah
!!!

So we're
going to
show you
the power of
camaraderie
!!!



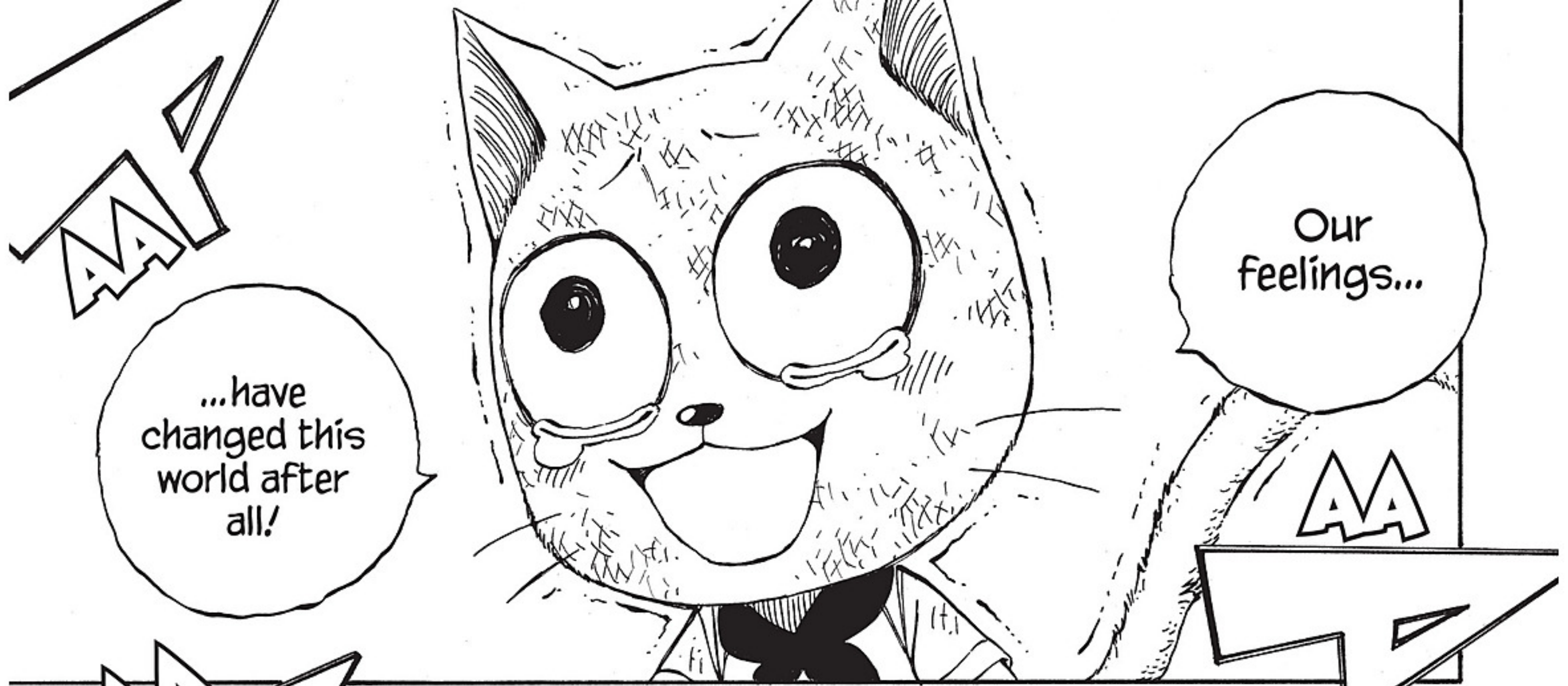
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 193: To Be Alive







...have
changed this
world after
all!

Our
feelings...



Let's get
'em, Bis-
Bis!

Al-
Al!

Shadow
Gear!!!

We're
the best
there
is!!!

You
guys had
better get
more glory
than Lucy,
got it?!!

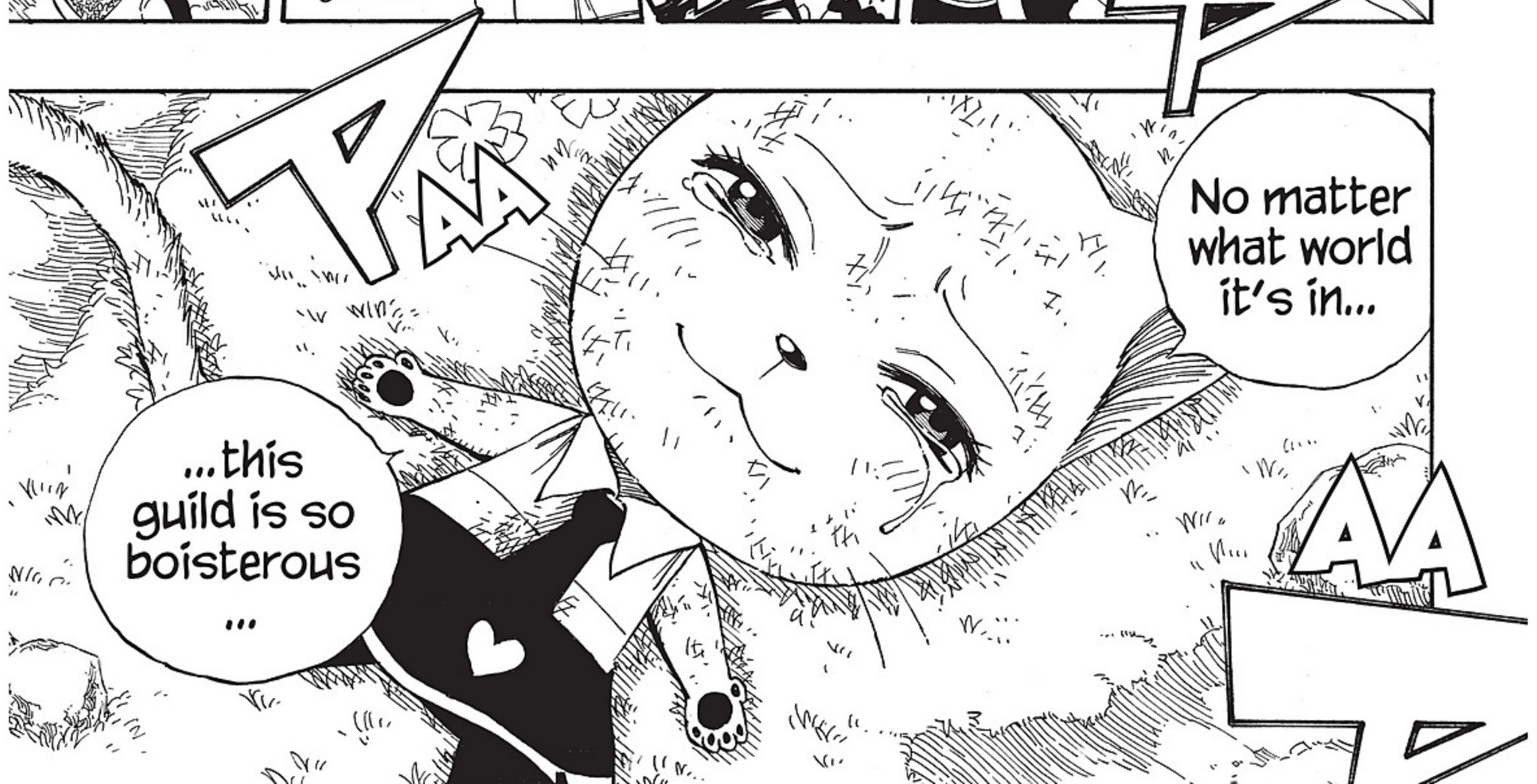
Yeah!
Thanks,
Lisanna-
chan!

Natsu,
give it
to 'em!

Huh?

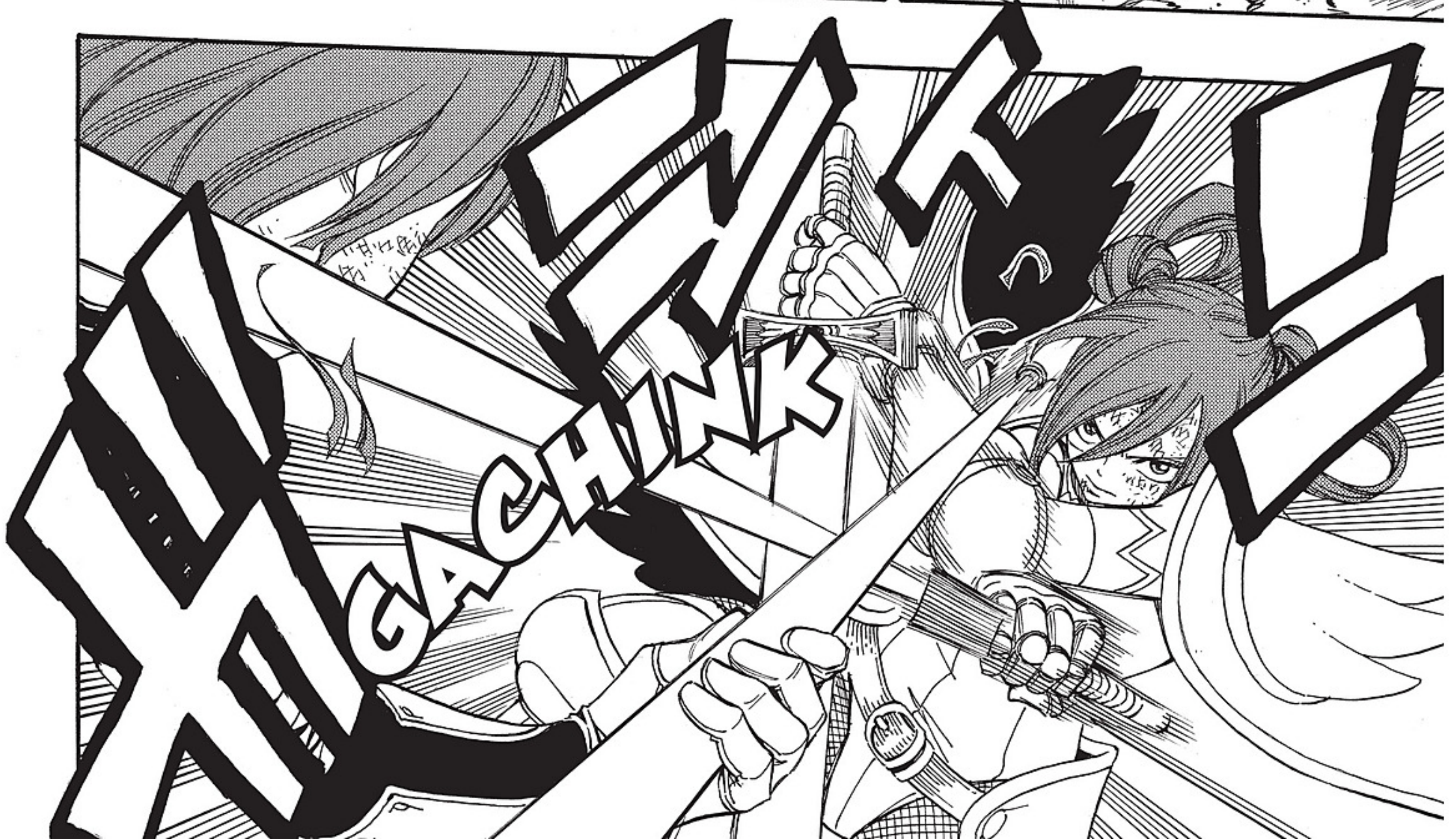
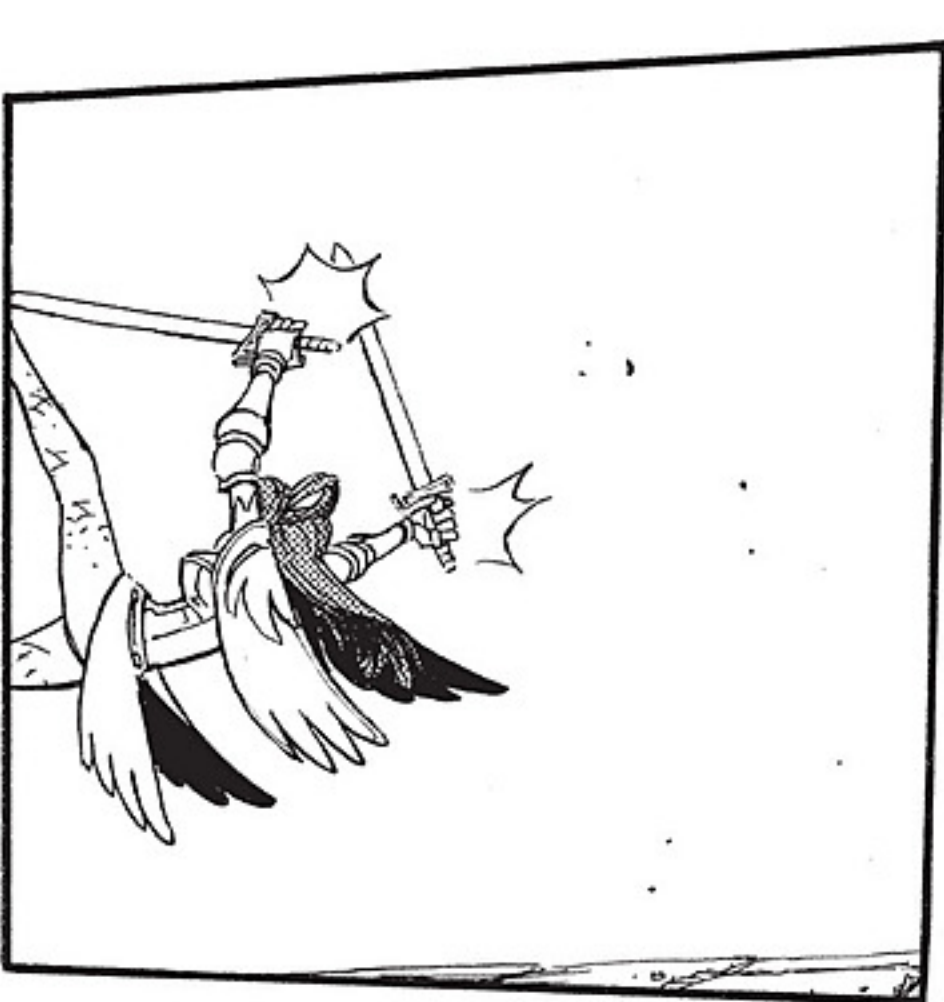
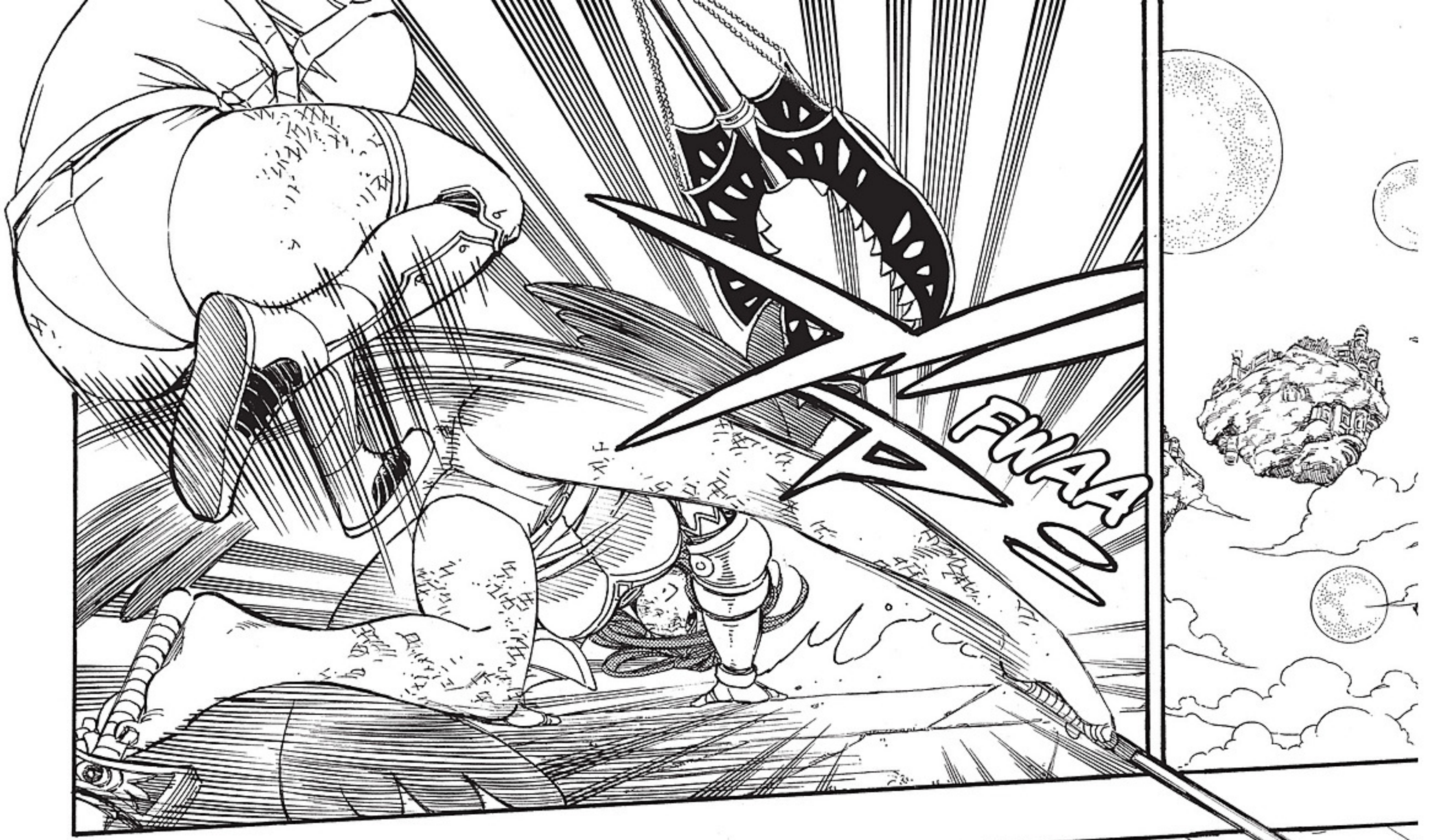
I'm
a little
jealous!

Juvia
can't believe
there are two
Grays!
A tough spot
for Juvia!



...this
guild is so
boisterous
...

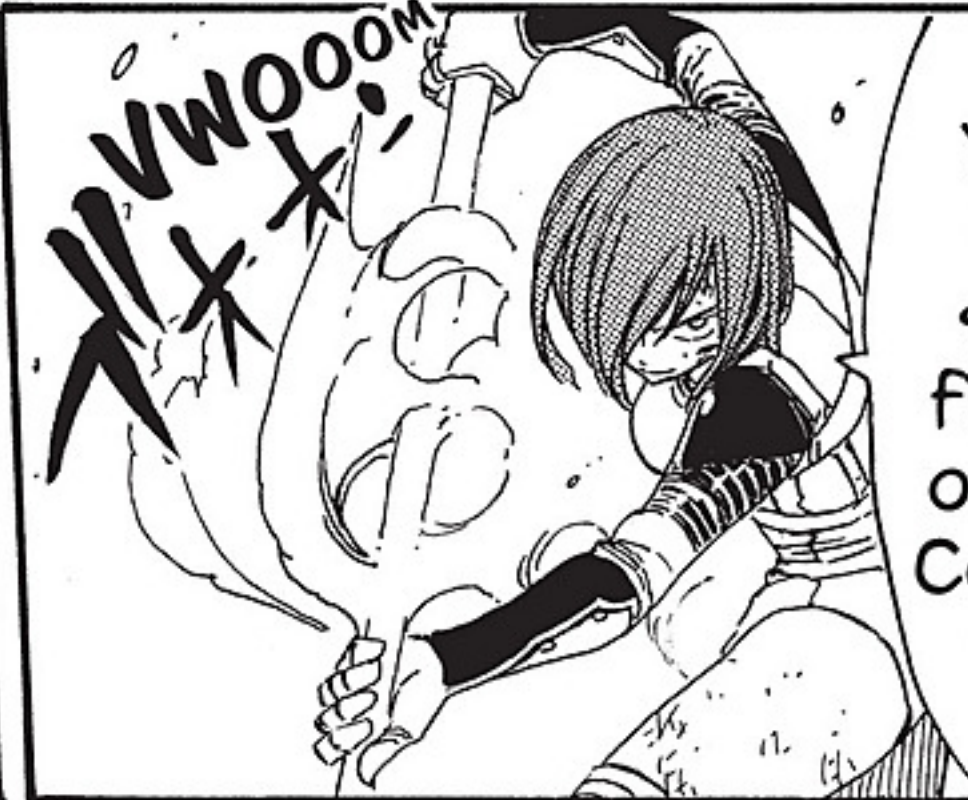
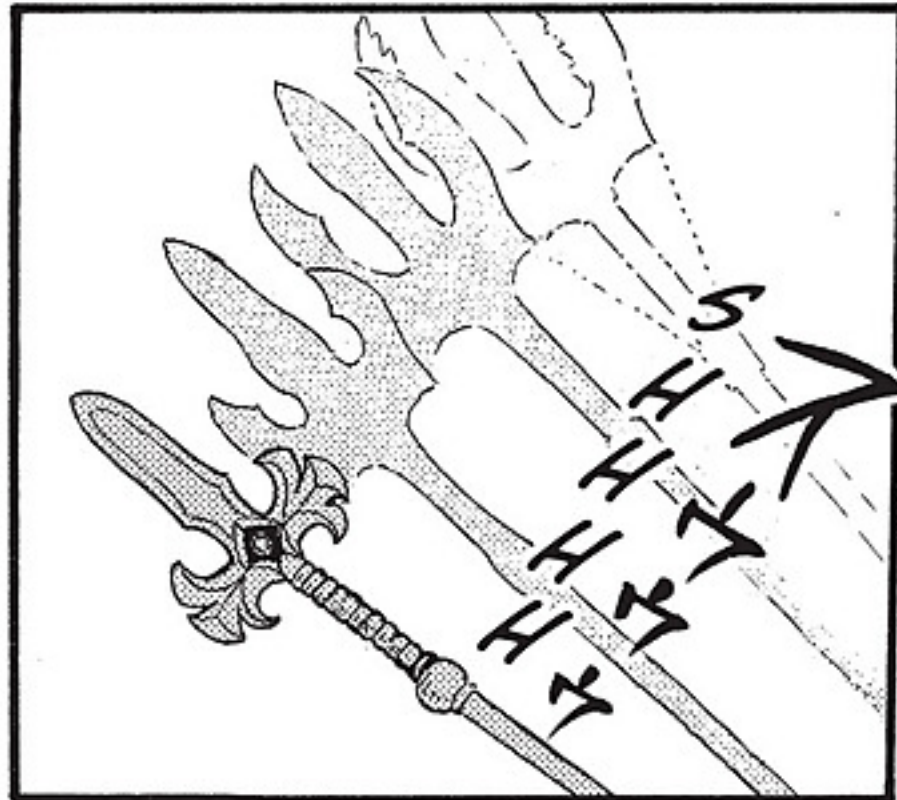
No matter
what world
it's in...



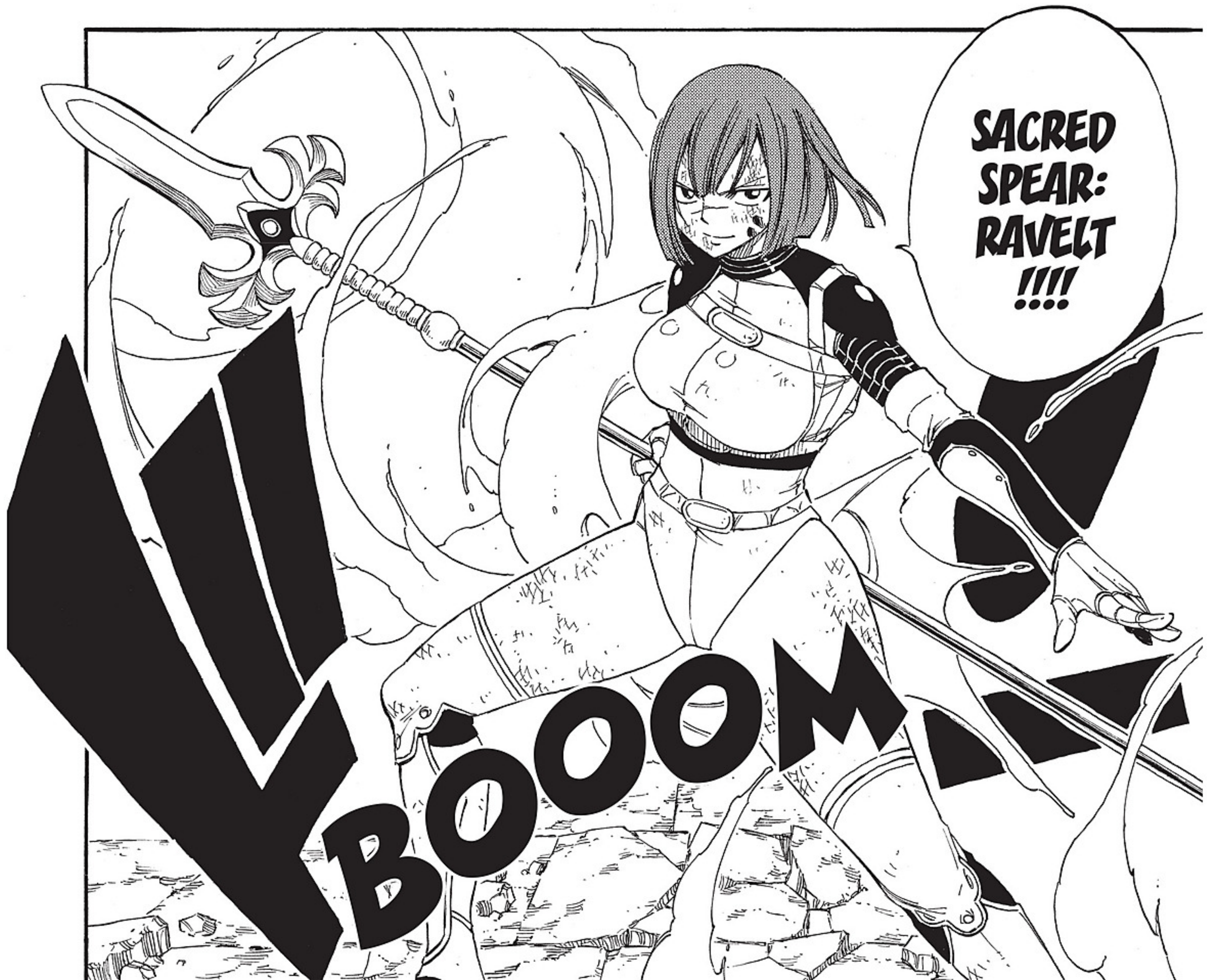


Stalemate?
You're
wrong!

I never
thought the
stalemate
would last
this long...

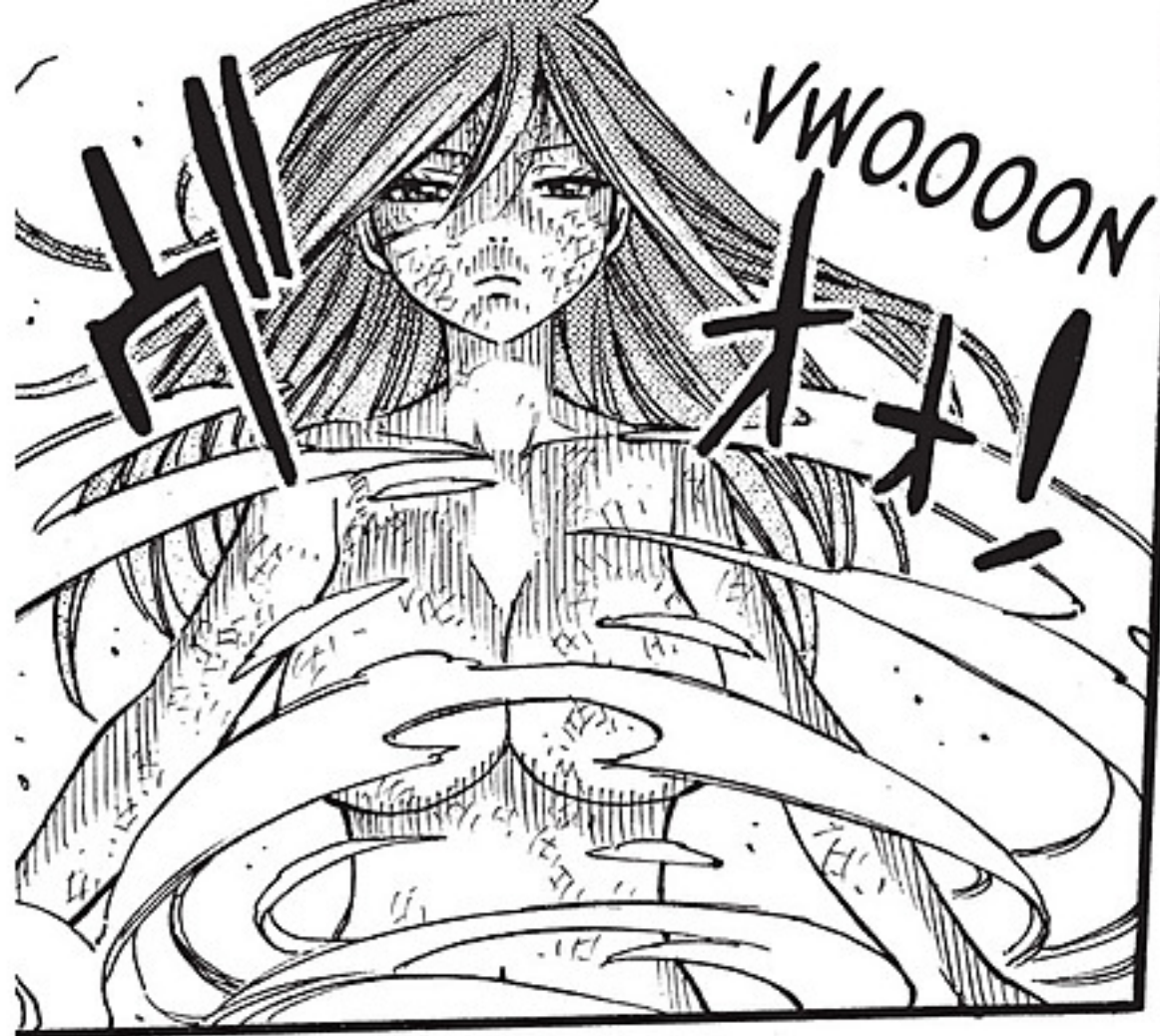


You still
haven't
seen the
final form
of the Ten
Command-
ments!



**SACRED
SPEAR:
RAVELT
!!!!**

BOOOOM



This next attack will make the heavens resound with ultimate destruction!



This is the sacred spear forged by the finest smith in Edolas!



ARMADURA FAIRY!!!!

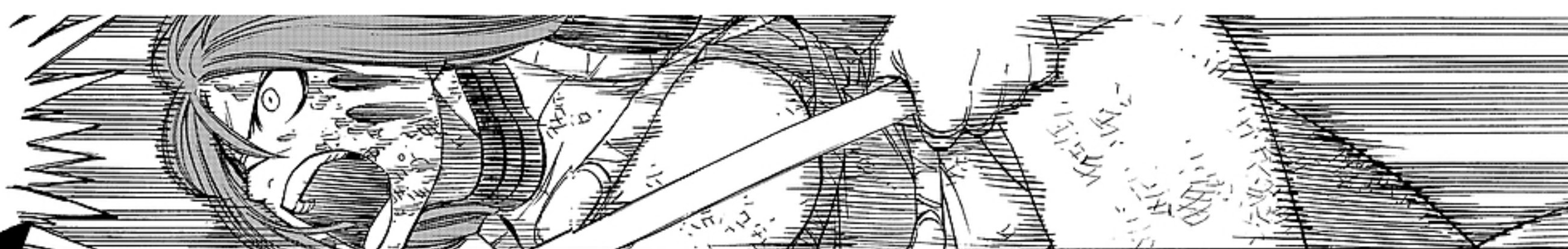
You have no reason to care, but this armor is named after my guild.

Come !!

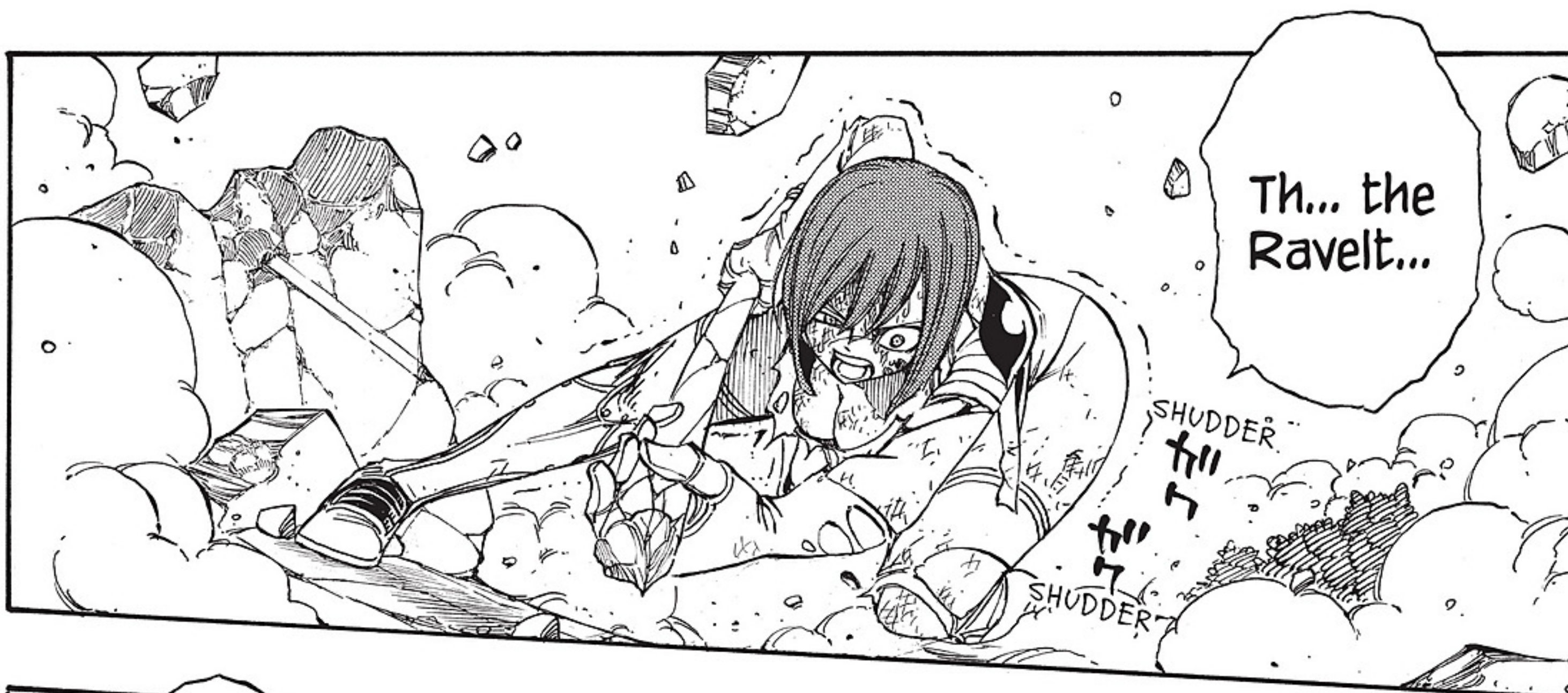
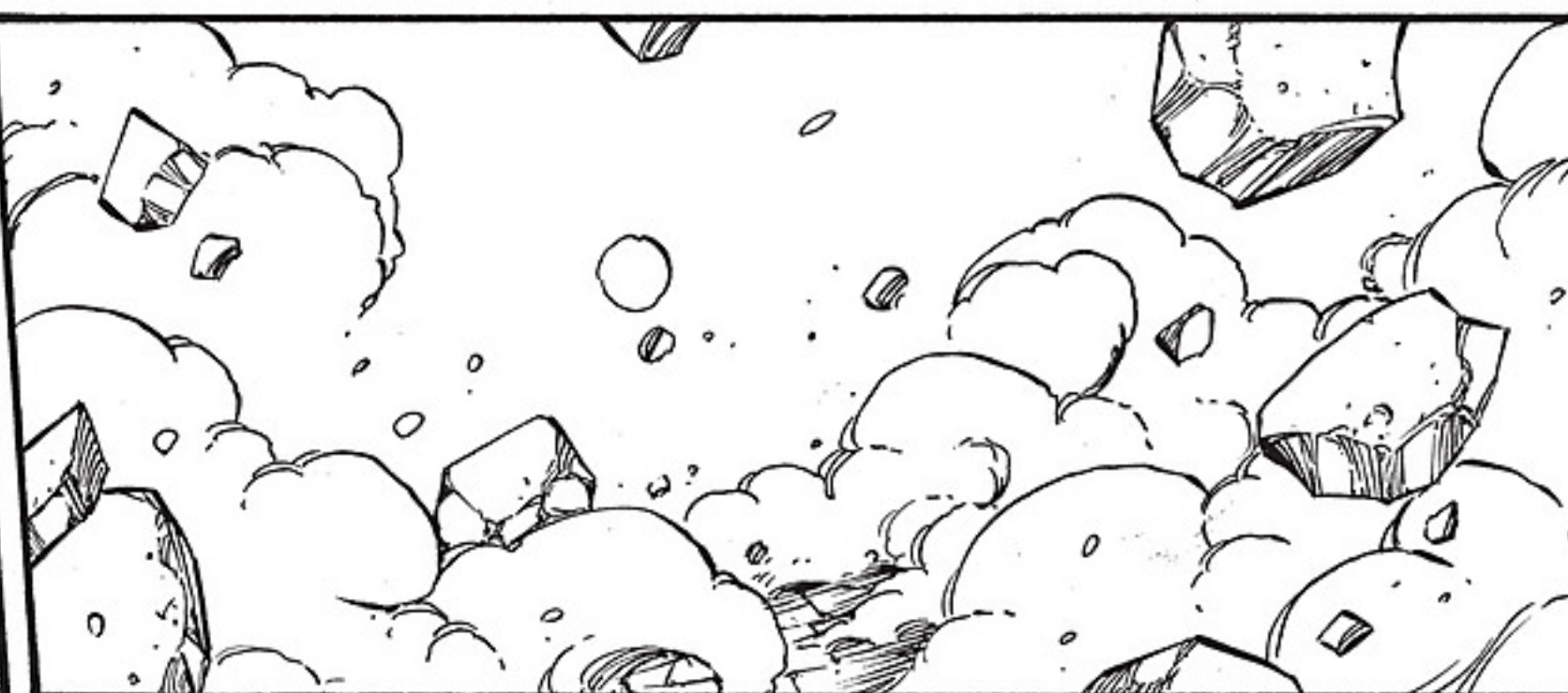
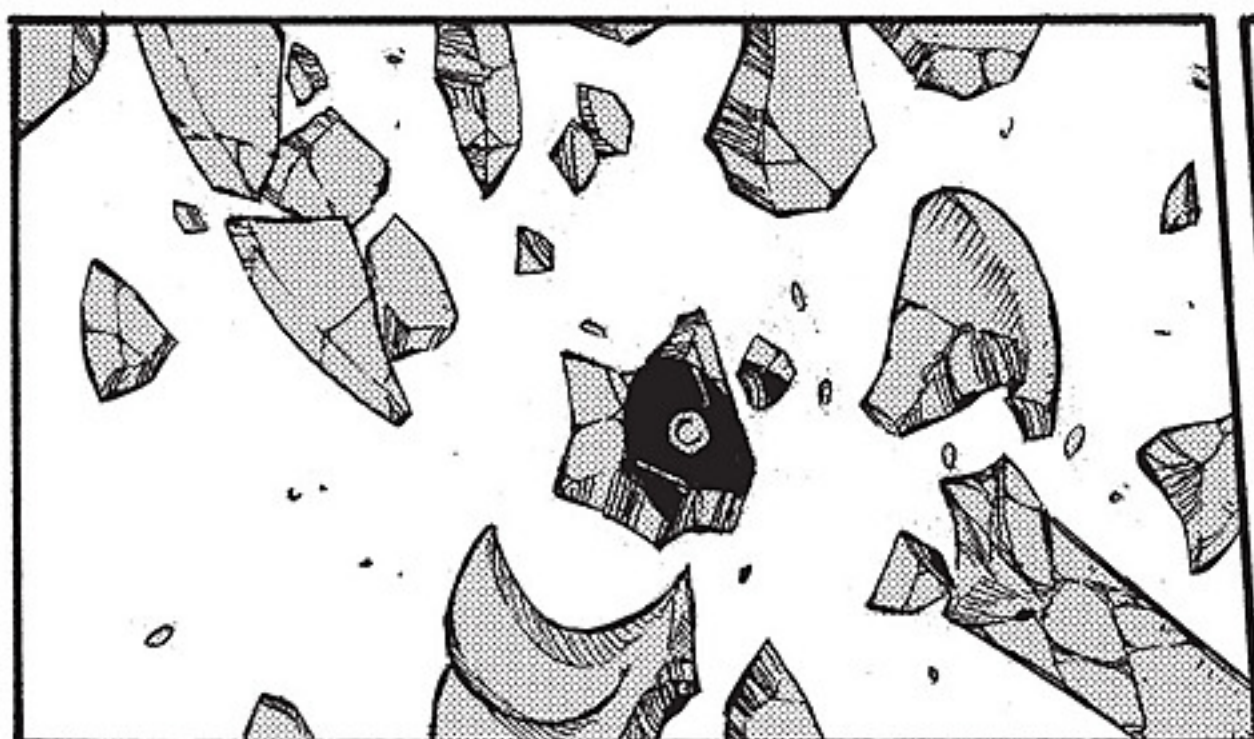
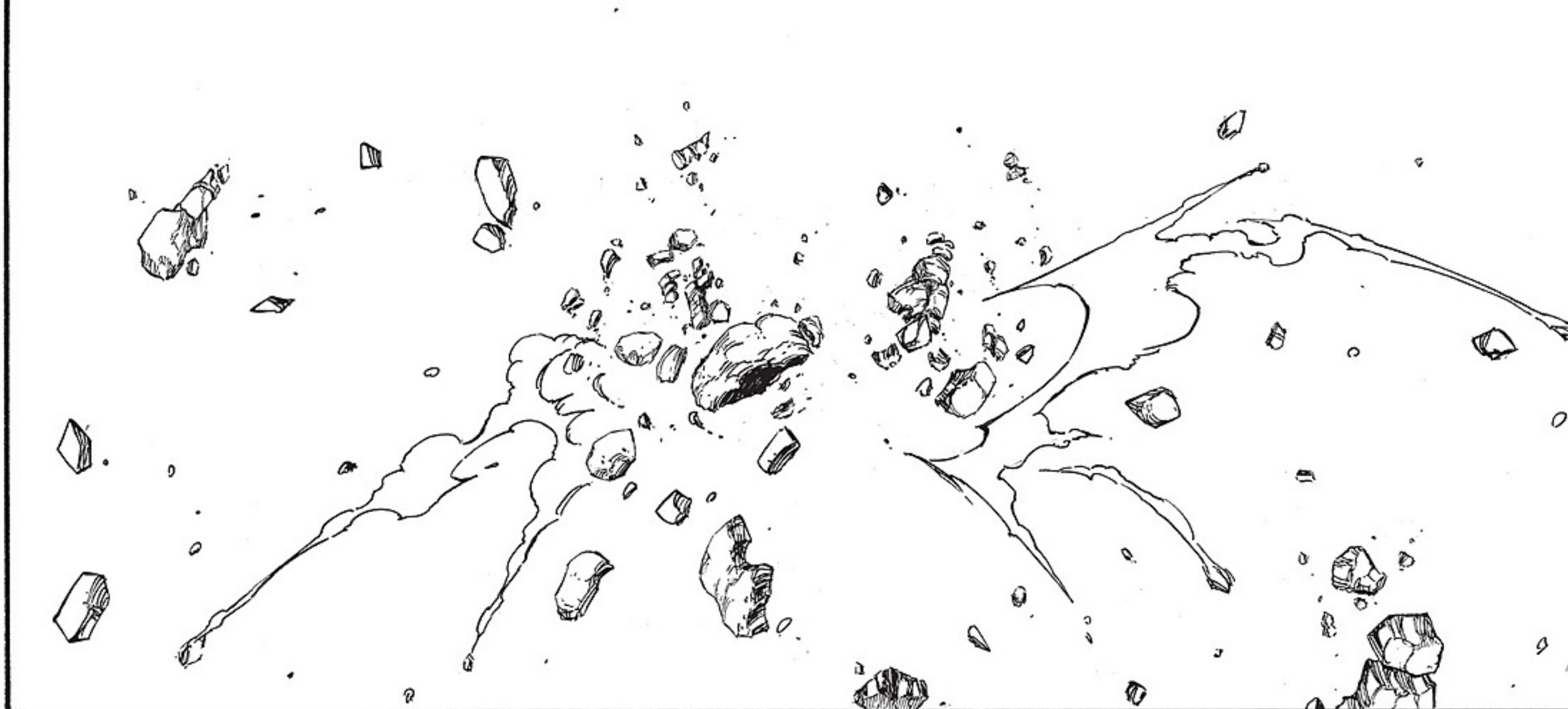
This'll be fun !!!

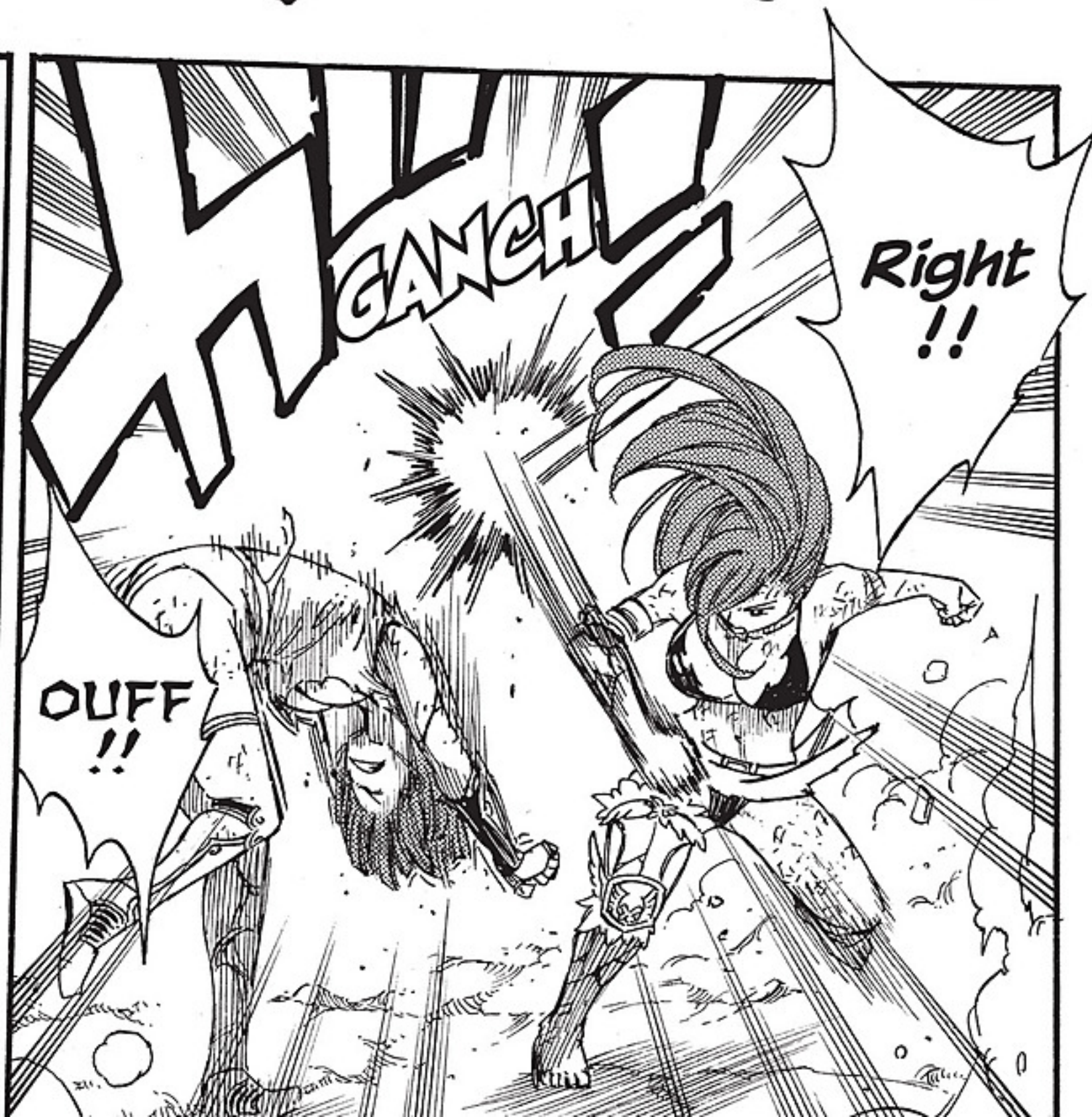
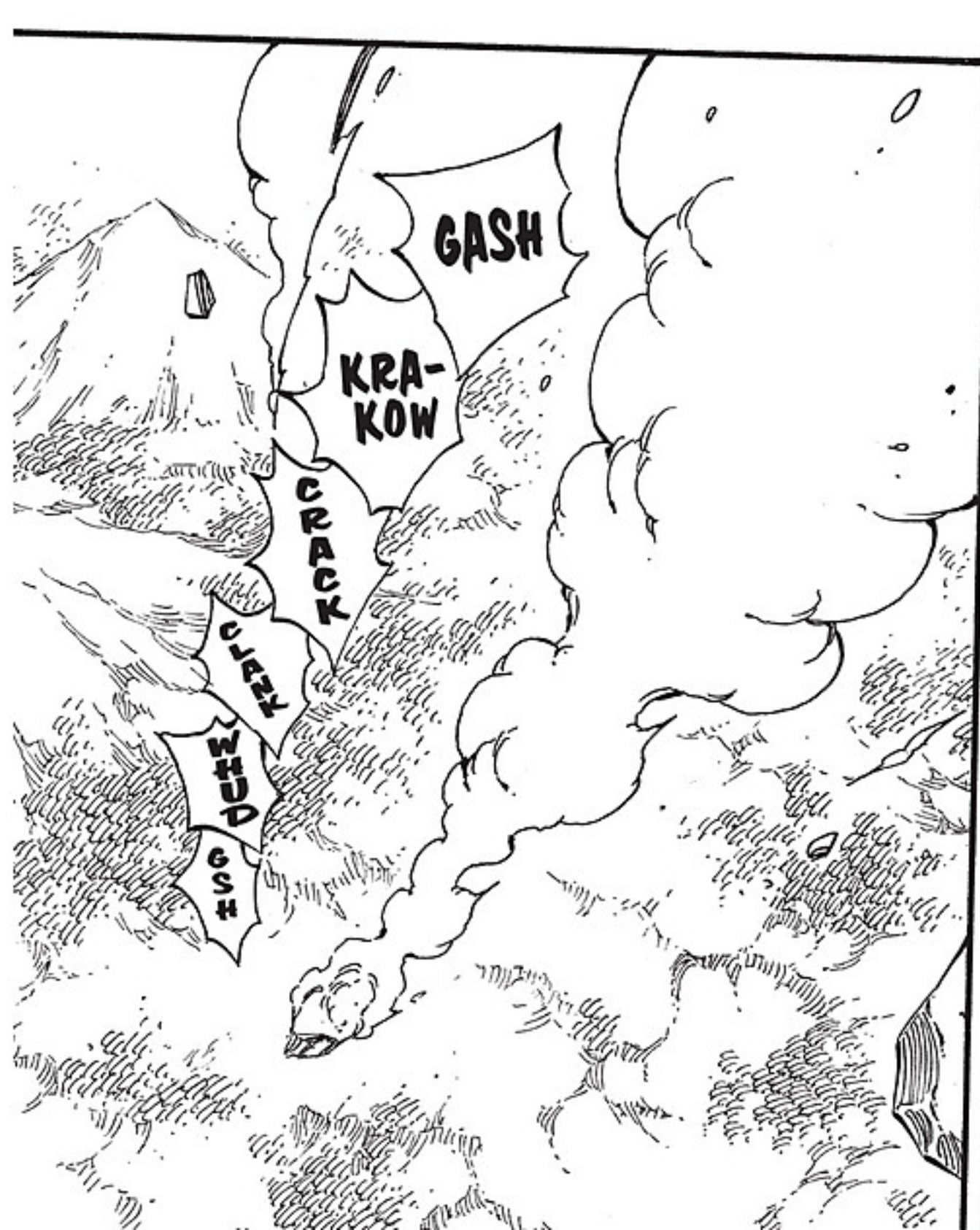
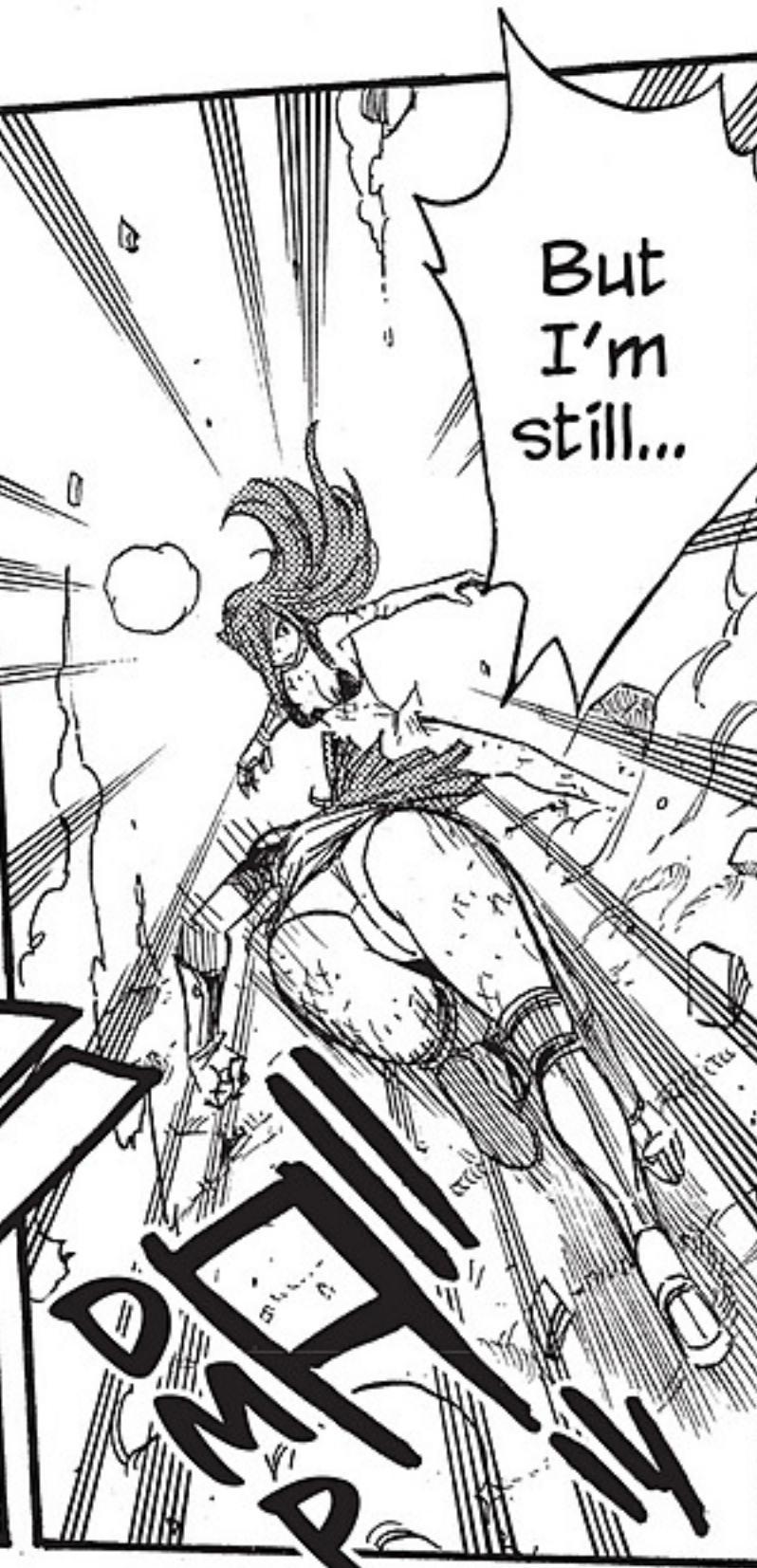
So you're saying it's your strongest?!

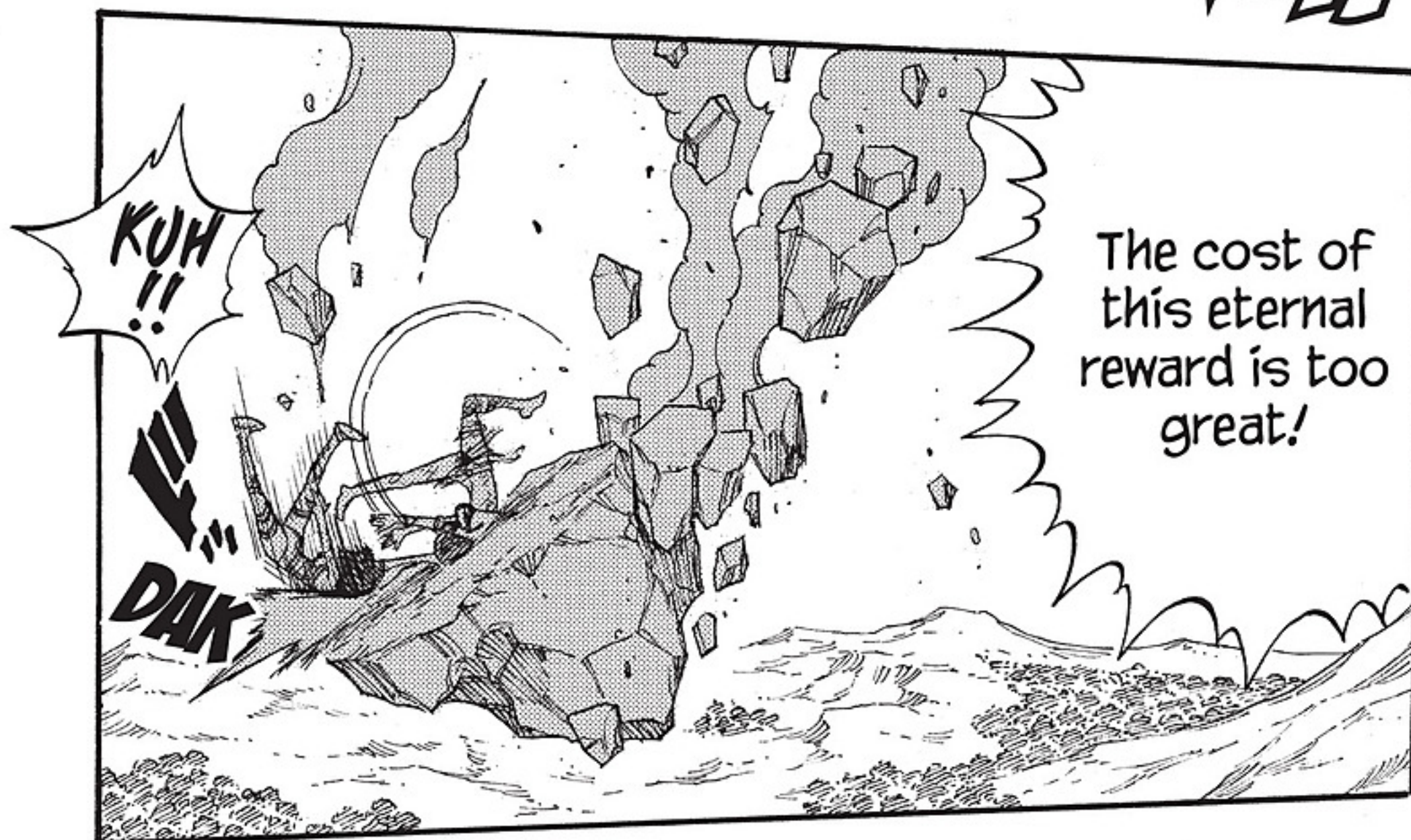
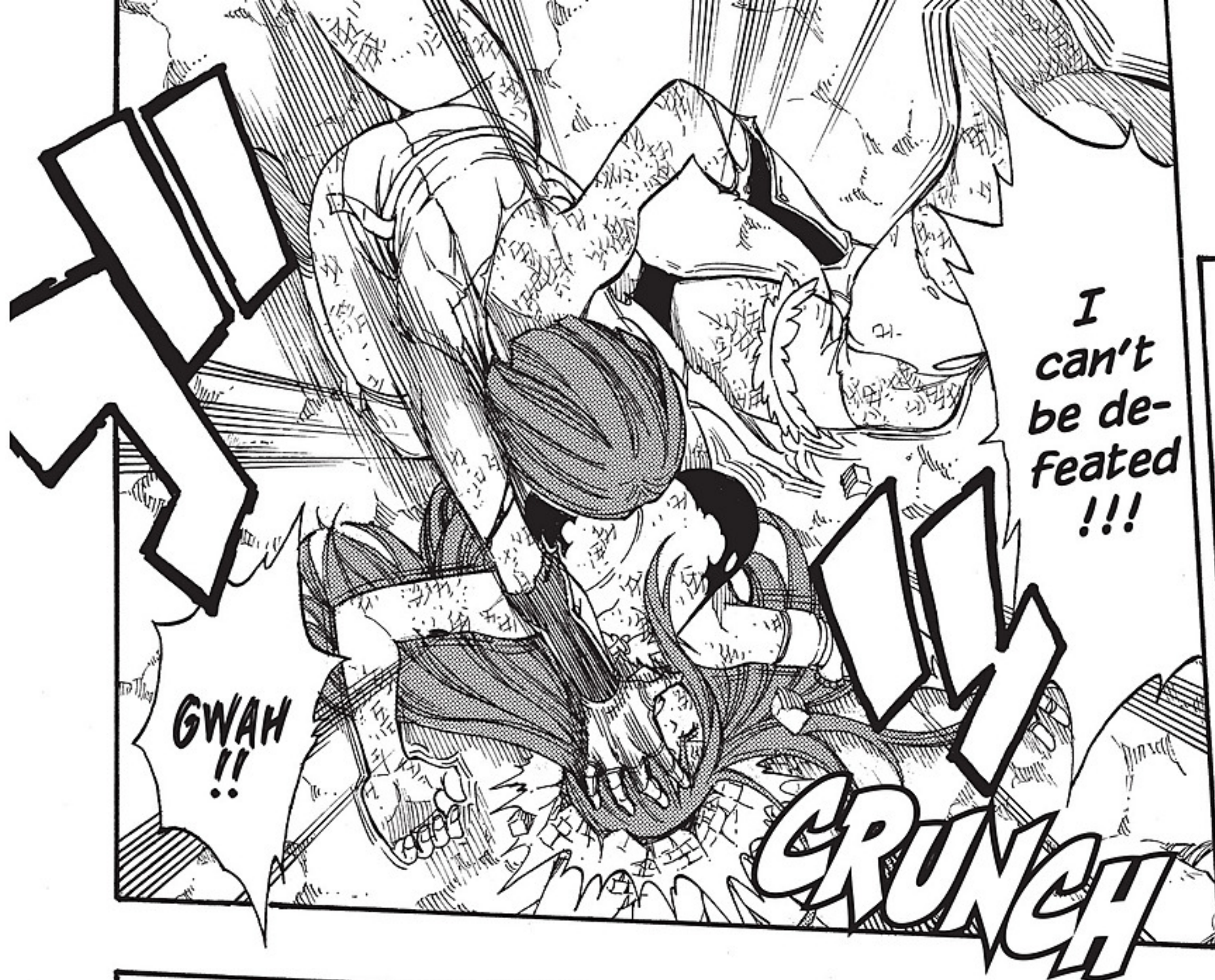
Rrooaah
!!!



Rrooaah
!!!







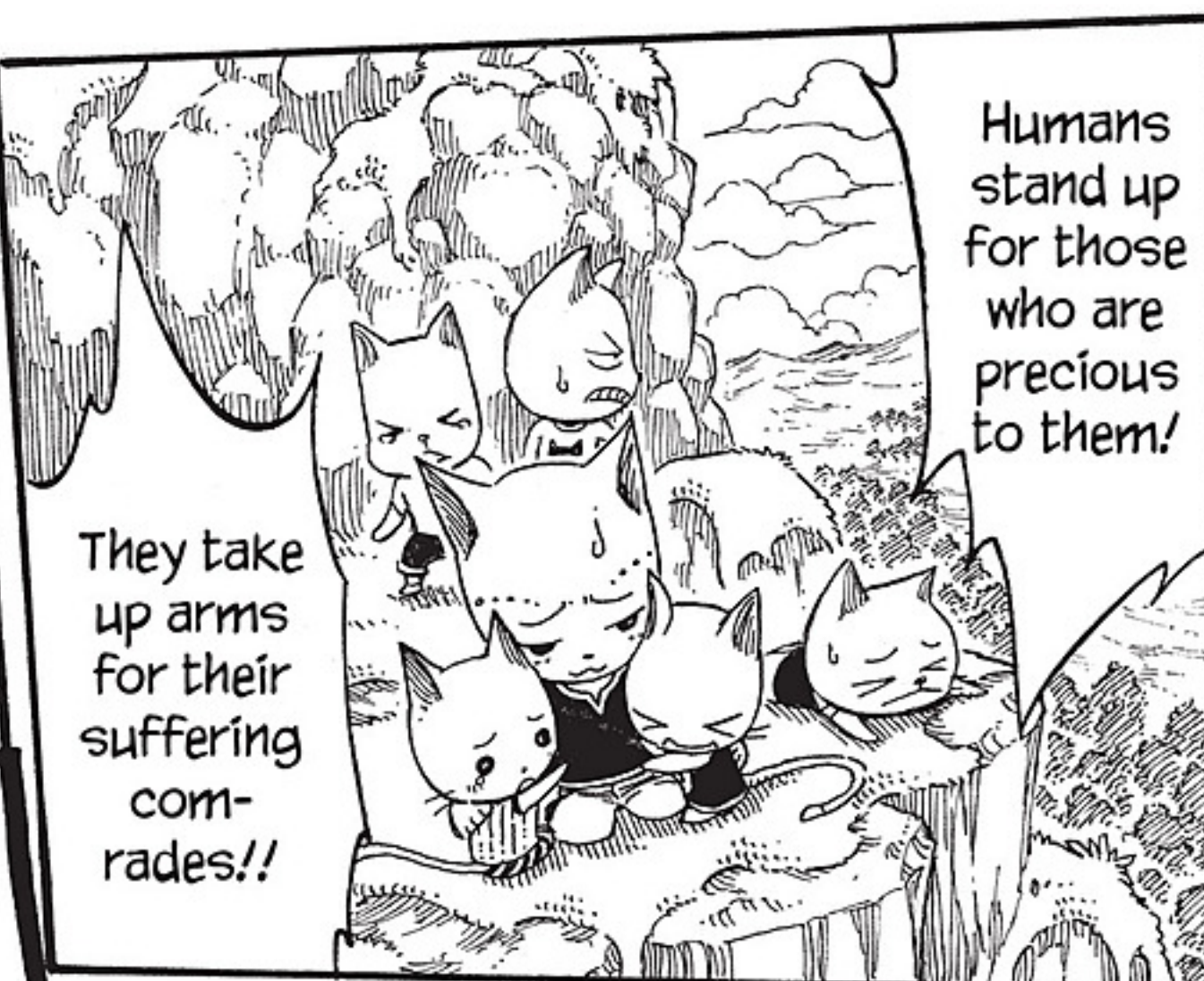


**What
humans
do is
love
!!!!**



GNG GNG GNG GNG

Don't you even
hear the screams
of pain from
the people of
your world,
Nightwalker?!



Humans
stand up
for those
who are
precious
to them!

They take
up arms
for their
suffering
com-
rades!!



**Wrong
!!!**



Our
magic is
drying
up... And
that's
why I...

I hear
them far
clearer
than *you*
!!!

UNF!!

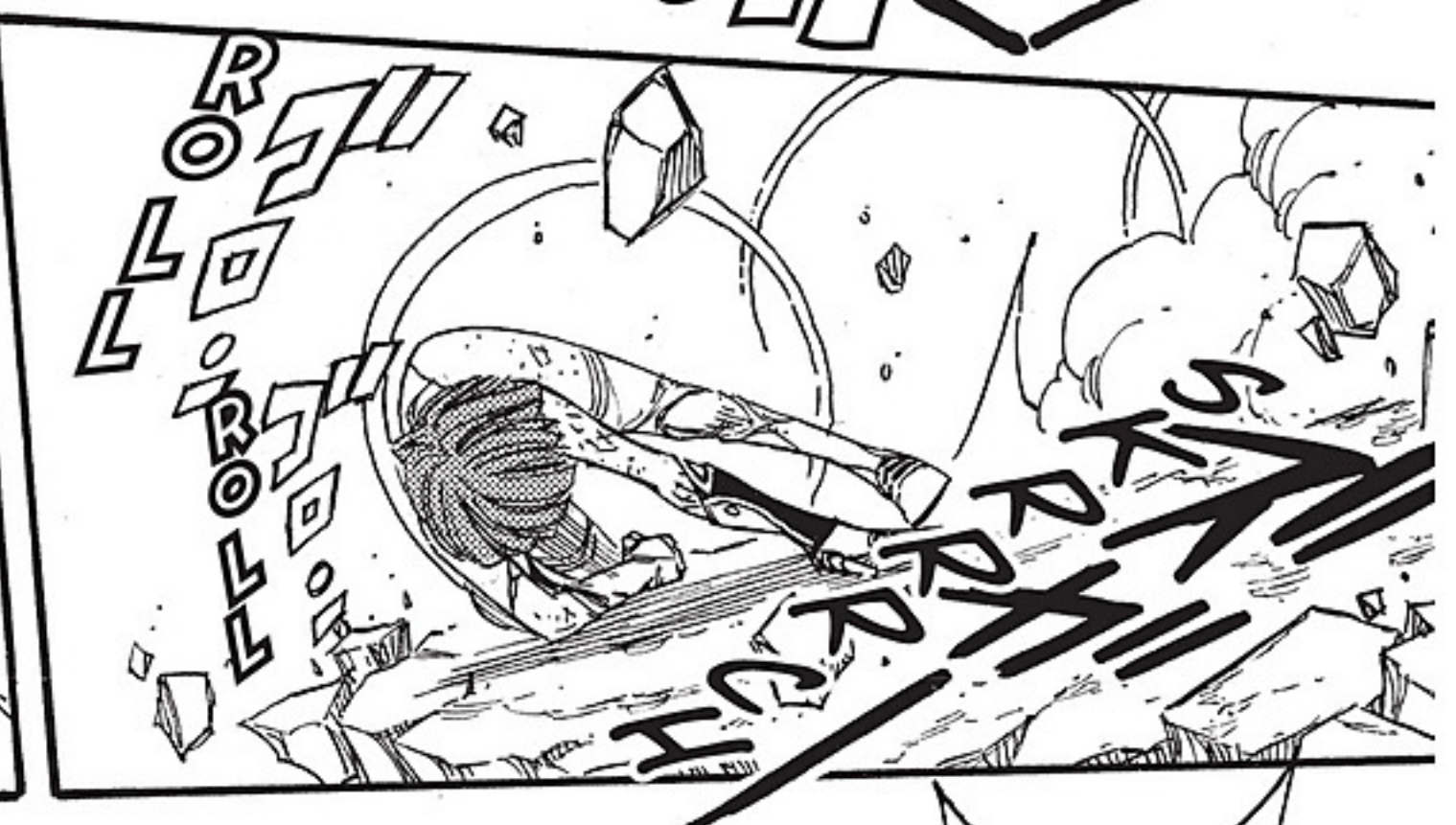


People are
what's
important
!!!!



A dead
world where
magic is
completely
used up!

This world
is headed
toward
death!



We can't
live unless
we come
up with
some way
to get
eternal
magic!!!!

GANCH

GONCH

CRACK

KABOOM

Nobody
from
Earth-land
can ever
under-
stand
that!!!!

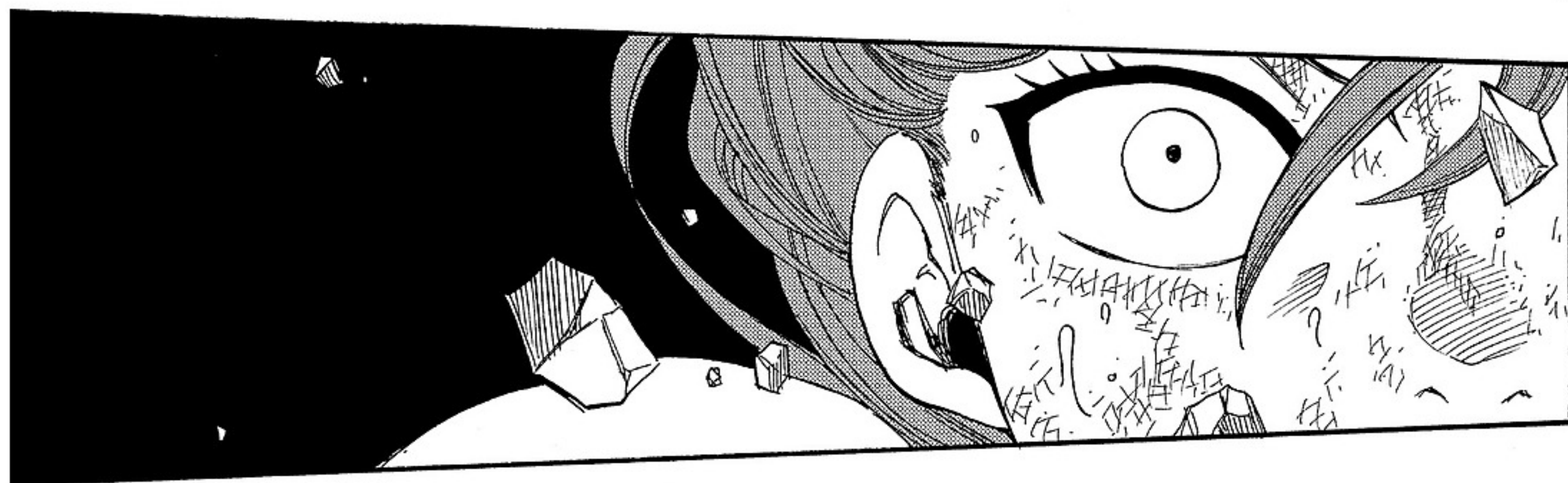
The
unrest,
fear,
despair
that
losing our
magic has
caused
!!!

**Even
without
magic,
we're still
alive!!!!**

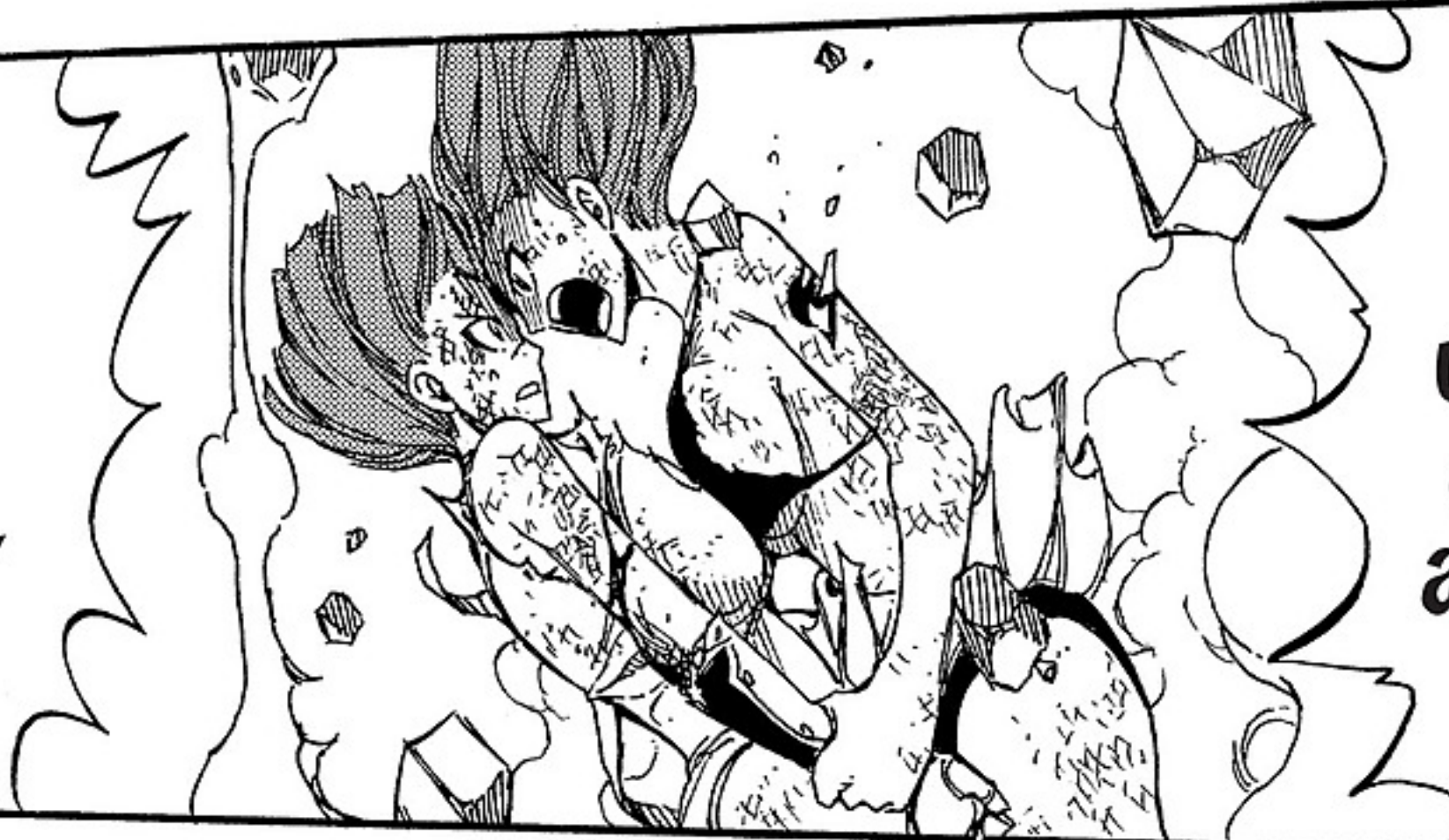


**Right
?!!!**

**We're
alive
now,
this
instant
...**



**But people
don't die
from that!!!**



**Look at
us!!!! We
used up all
our magic
a long time
ago!!!!**



**That's
what it
means to
be alive
!!!**



**There
still is
strength
!!!!**



**People
overcome
stuff like
weakness
and fear!!**



**So I
know
you have
the same
loving
heart as
well!!!**

**Listen
to me,
Erza!!!!**

**You have
the same
vices and
weaknesses
inside you
that I have
!!!!**



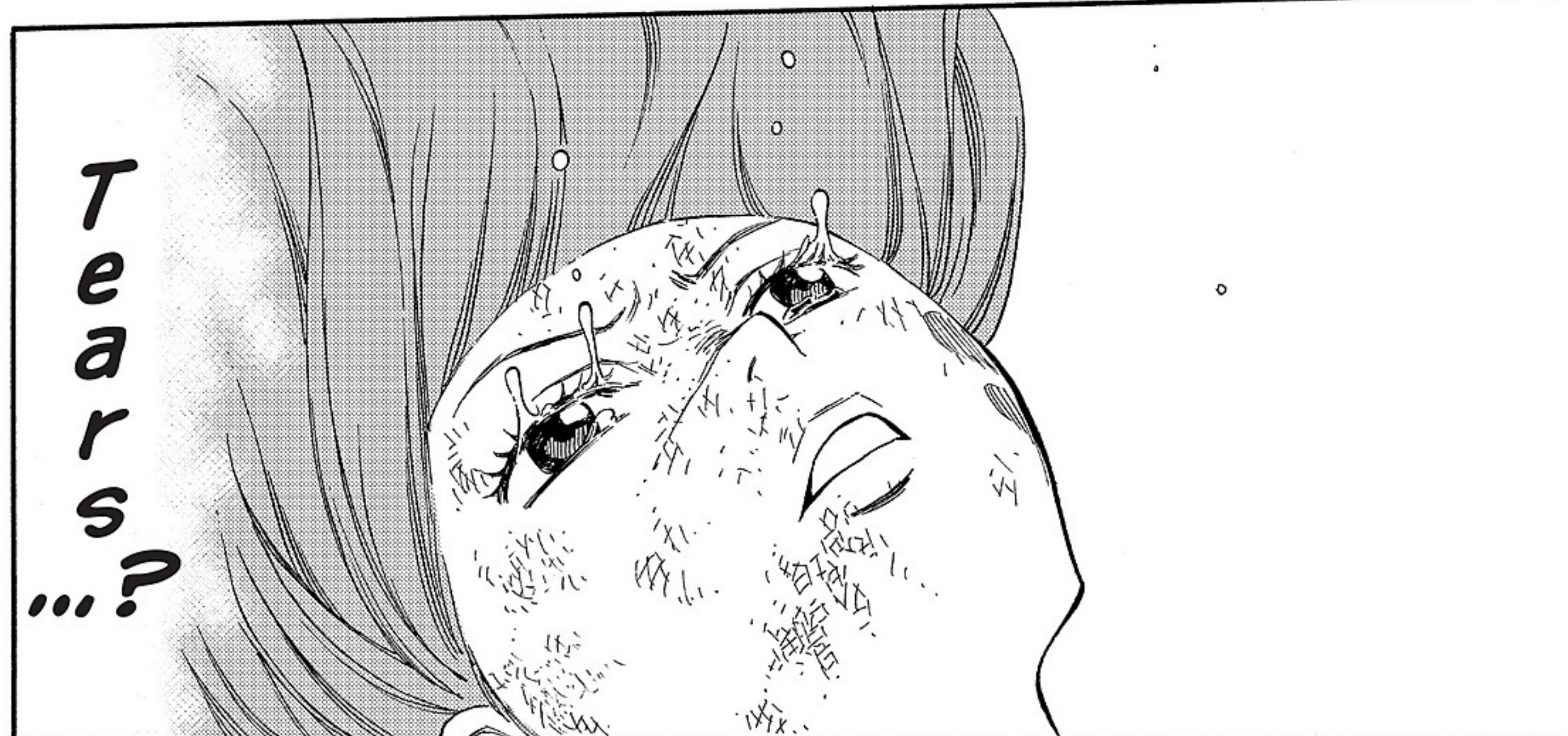
**What
...?**

**Those
voices tell
the truth
!!!!**

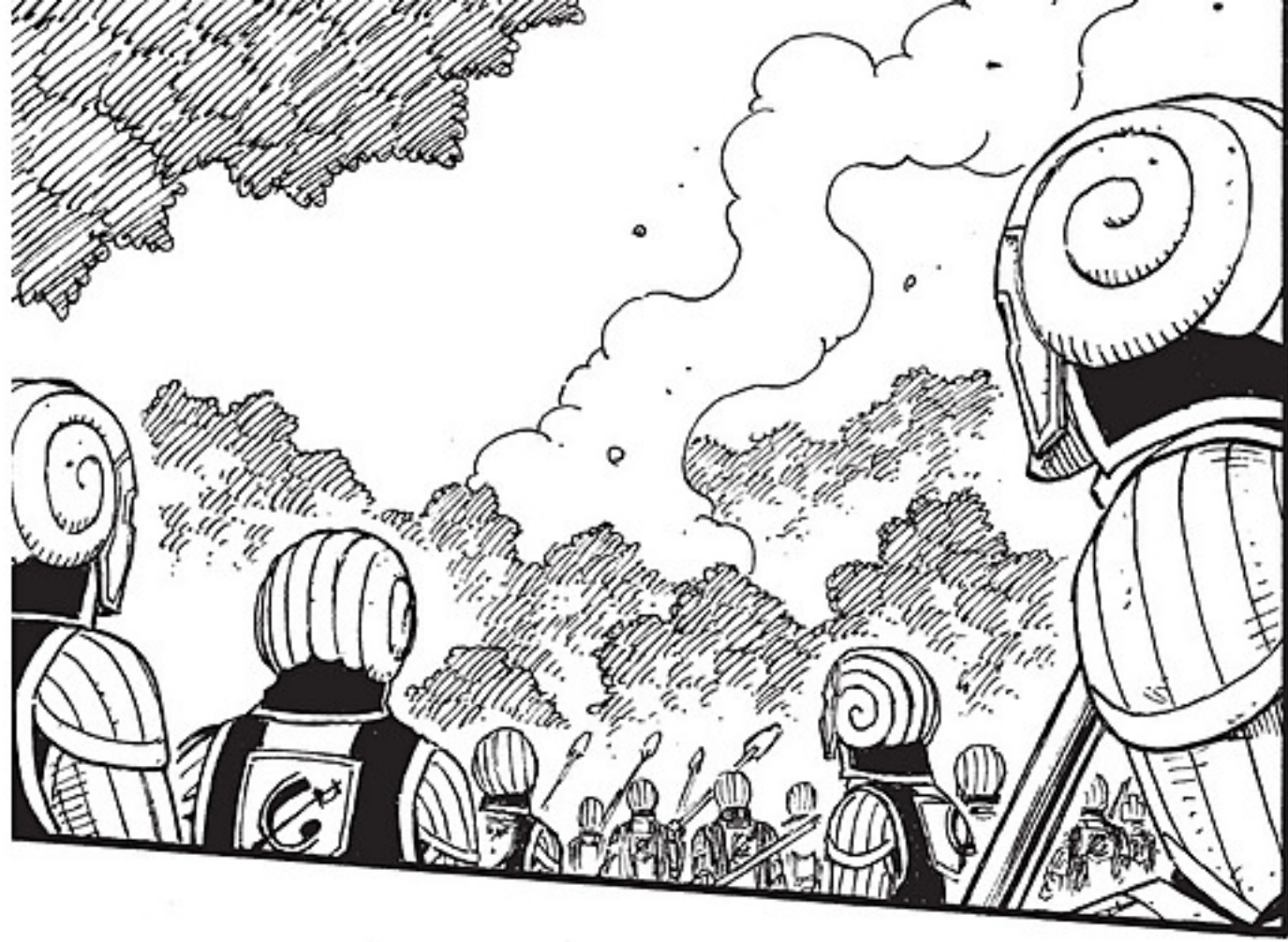
**This is
Erza...**

**...This is
me?**

**Listen
closely
to the
voices of
the living
!!!!**



**T
e
a
r
s
...?**

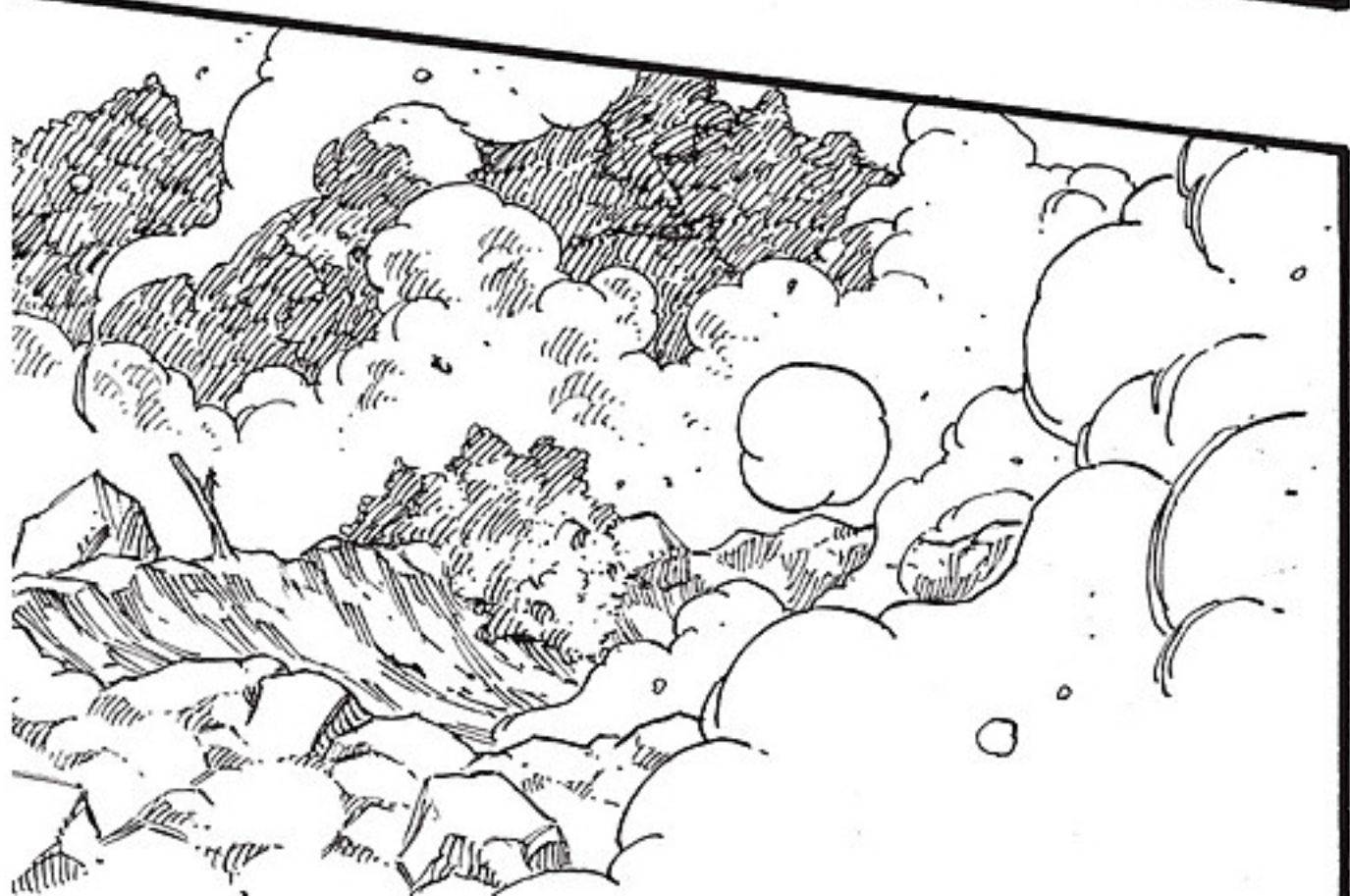
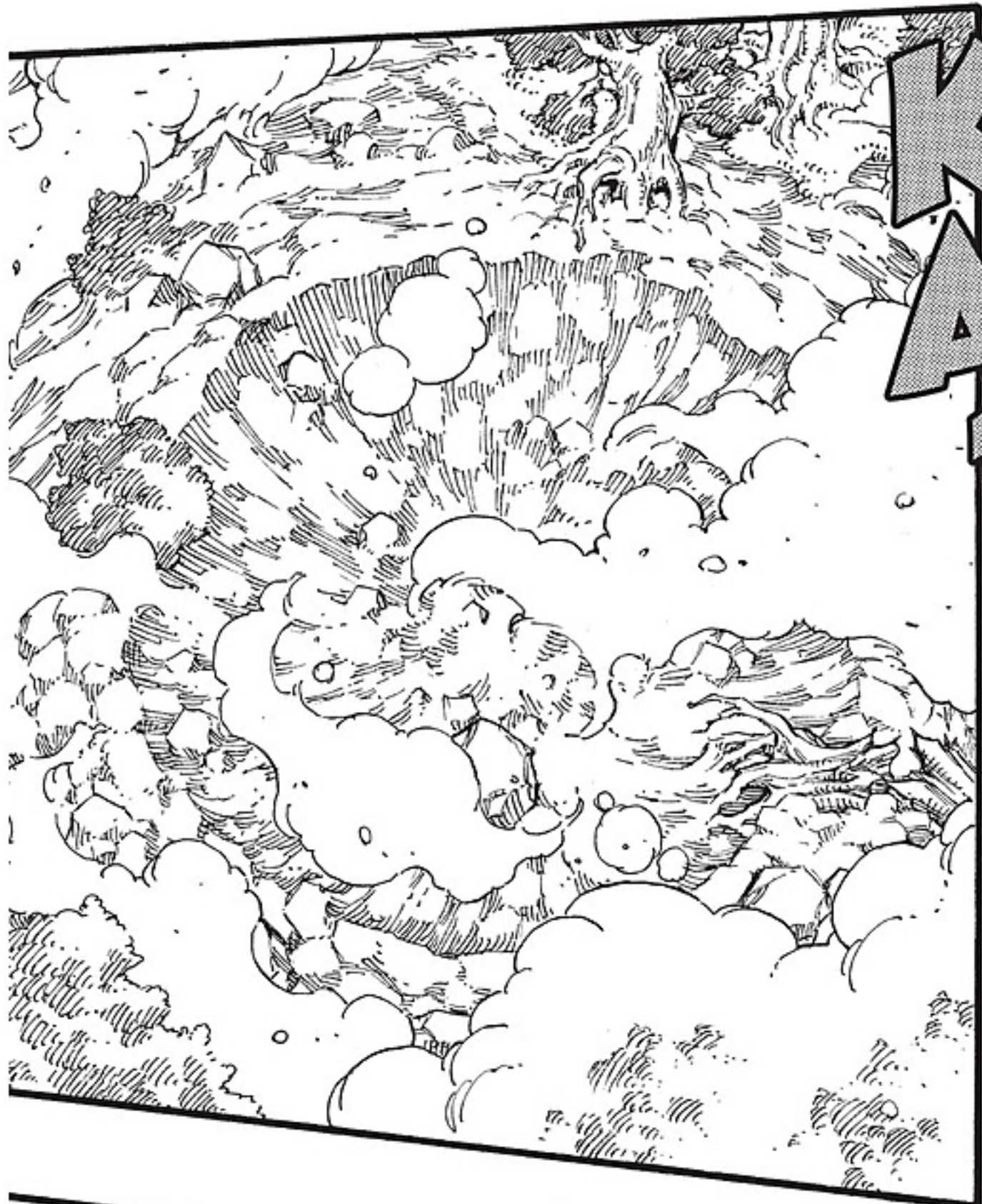


Erza?



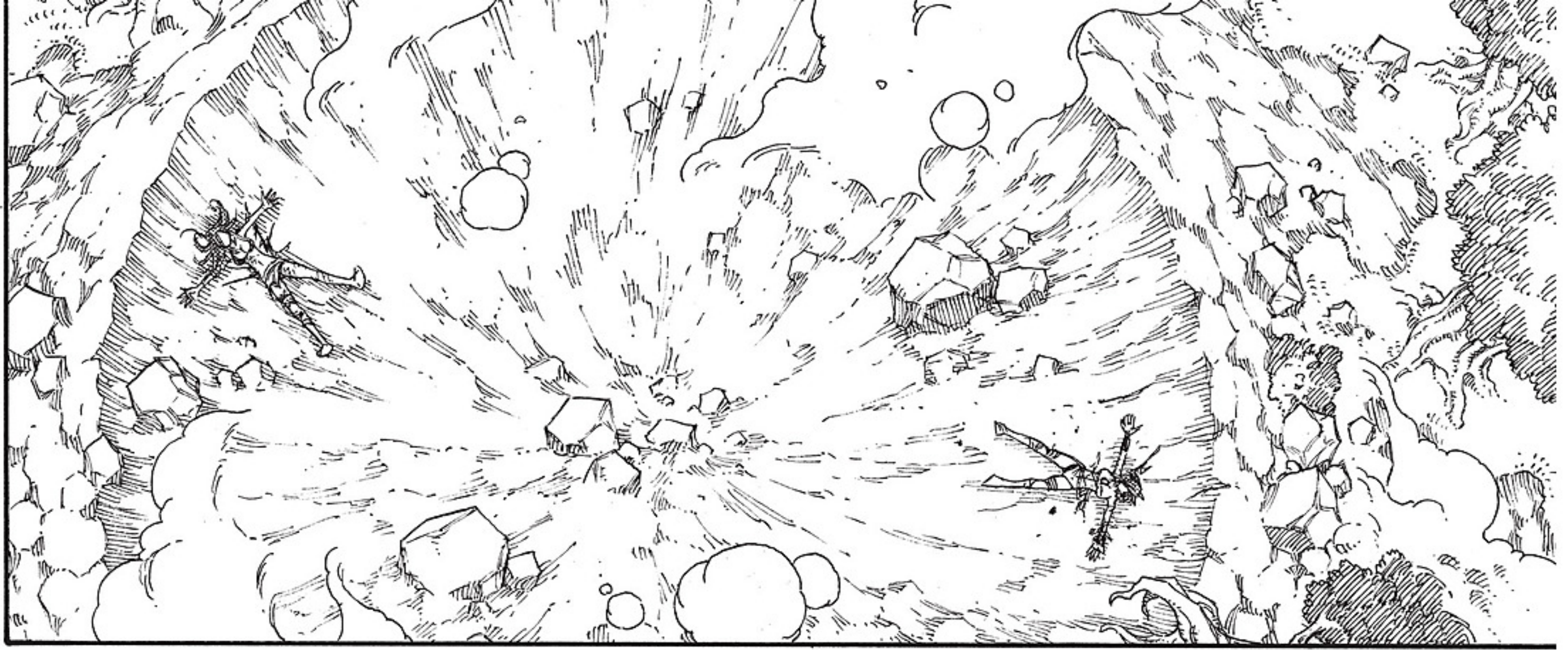
Something fell.

What was that...?!

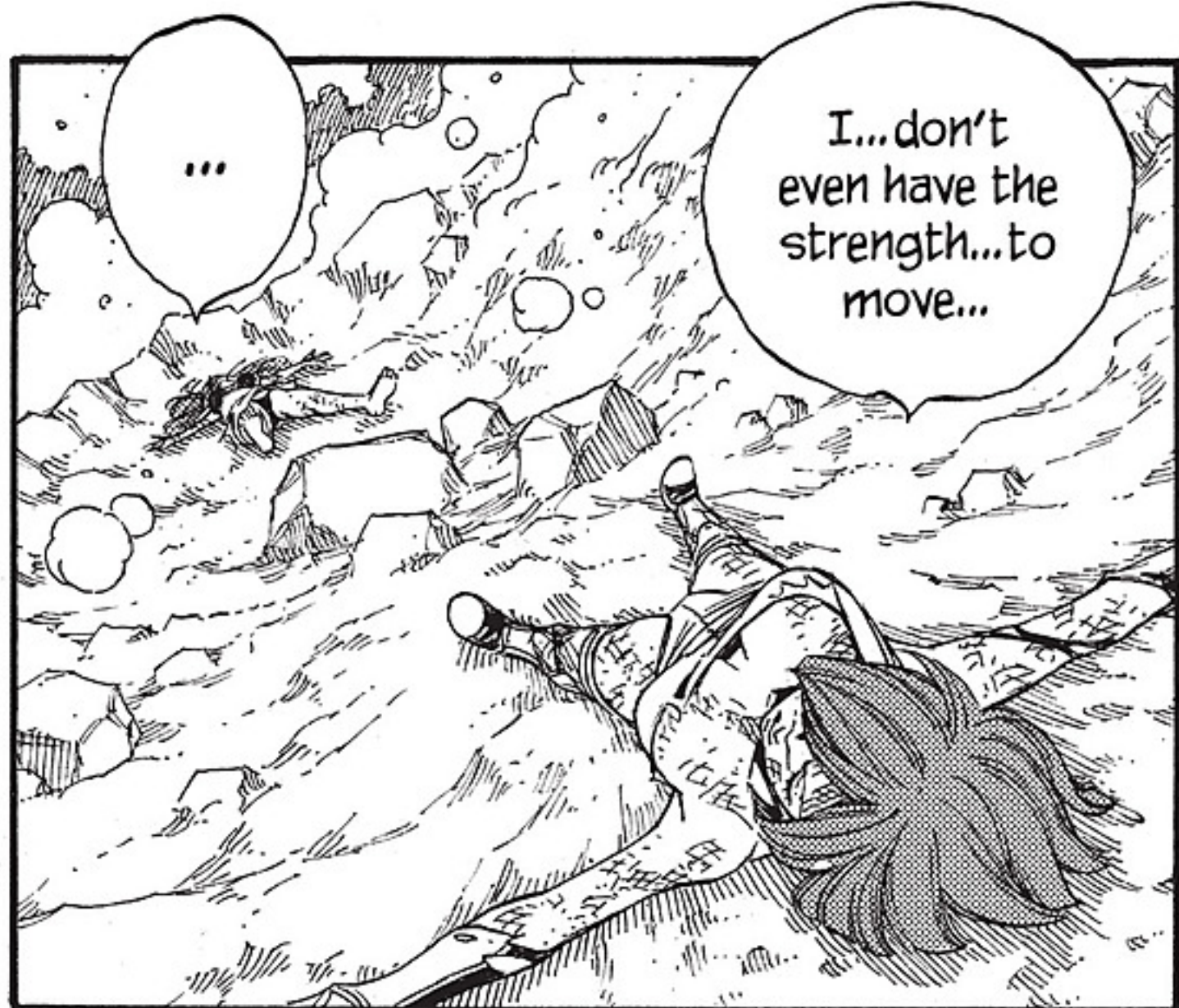


**You're
not
alone
!!!!**

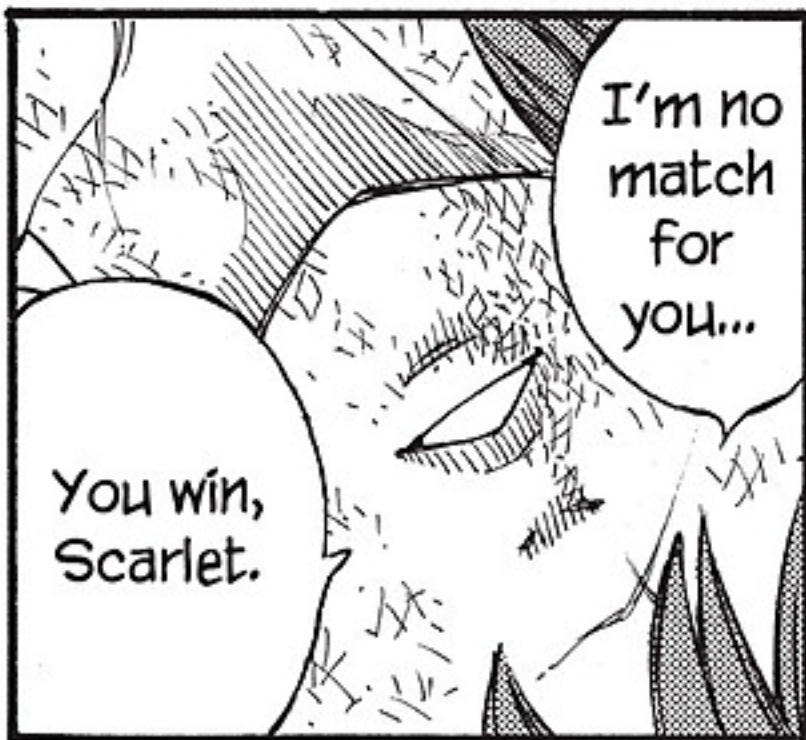




But...
you're
alive...
right?

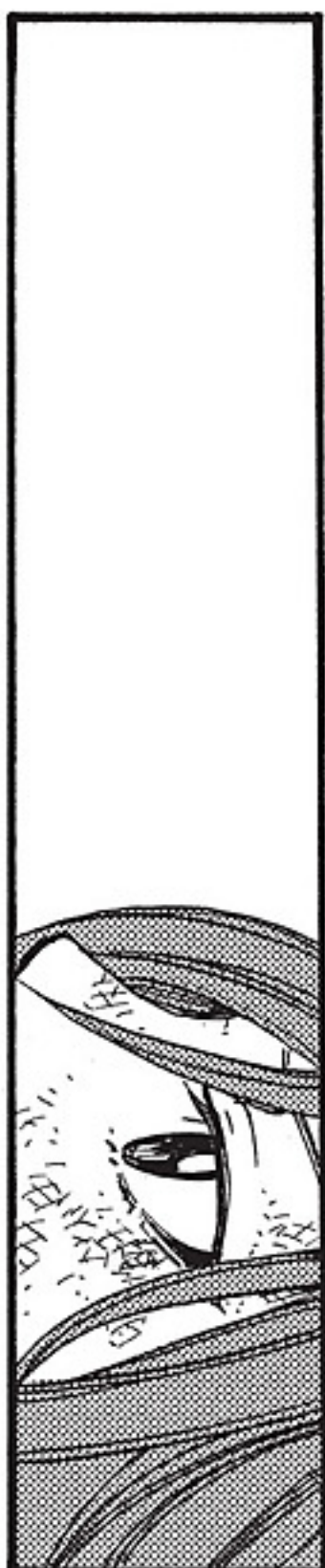


I...don't
even have the
strength...to
move...



I'm no
match
for
you...

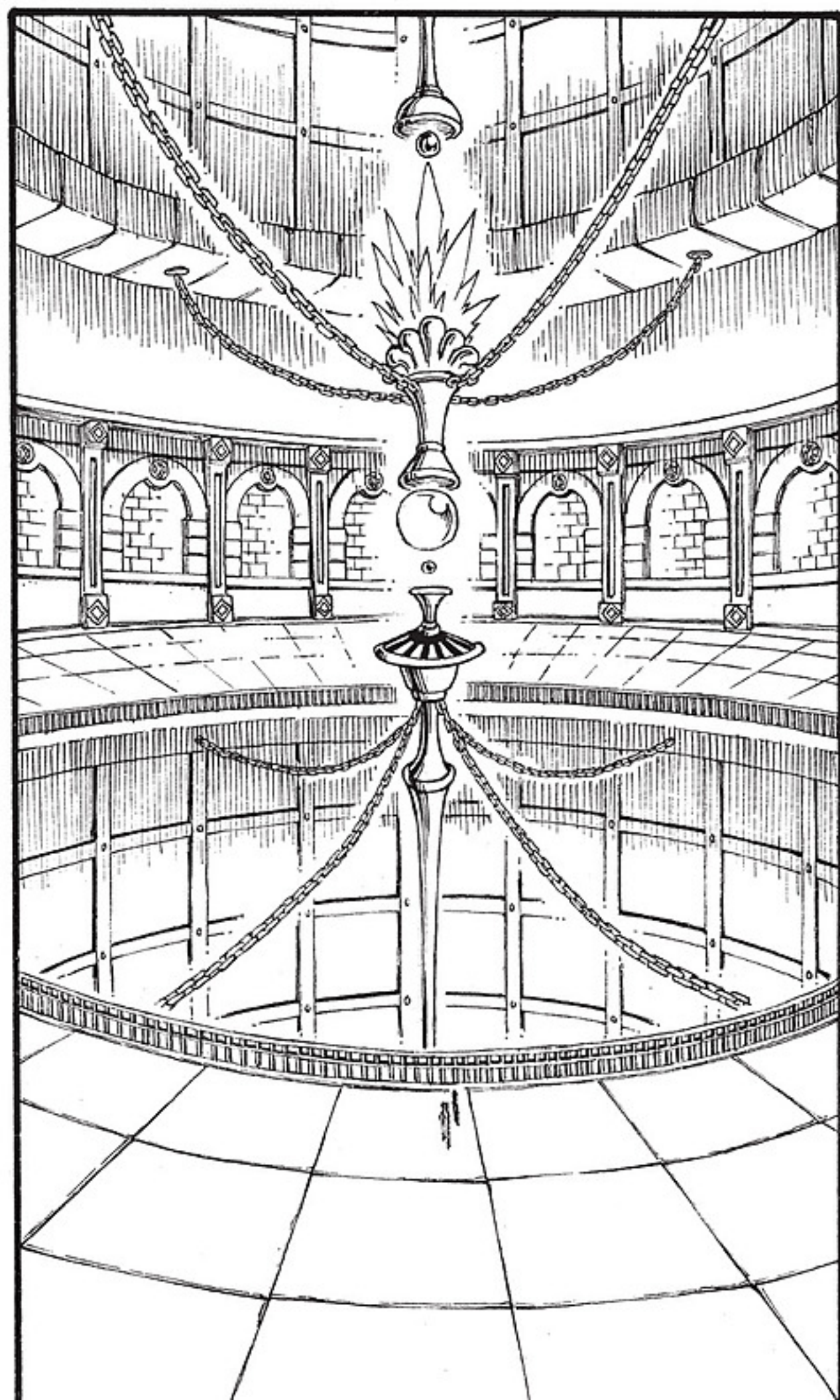
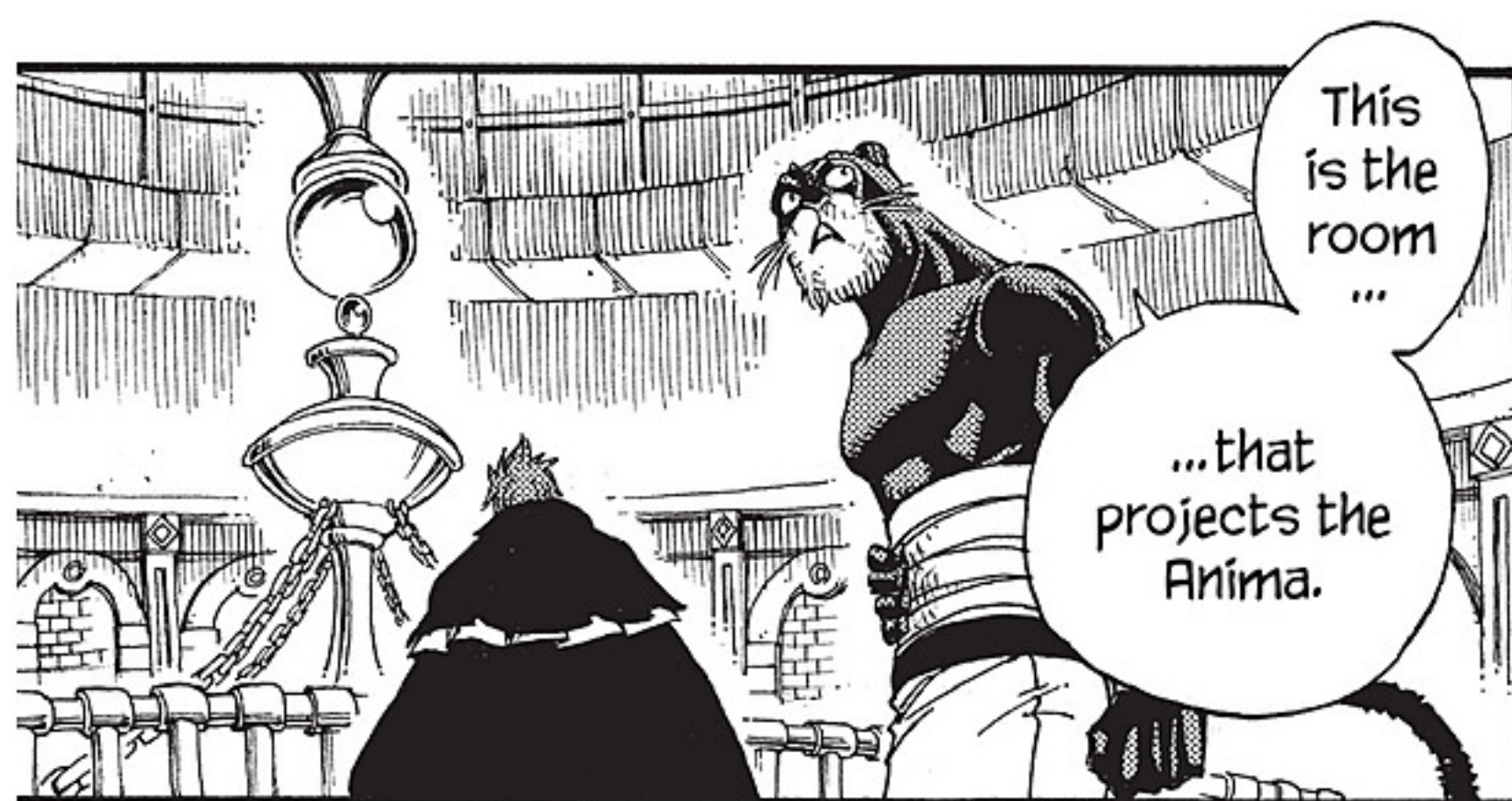
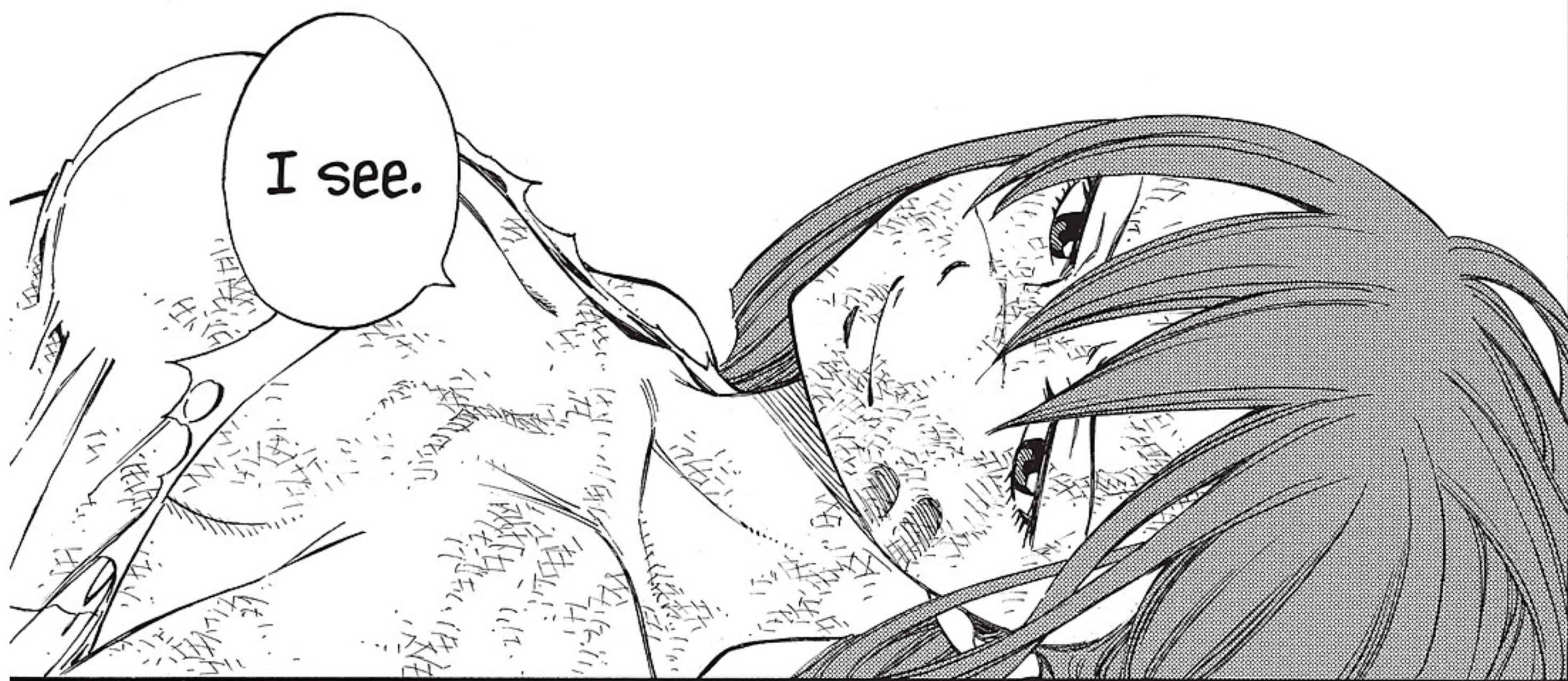
You win,
Scarlet.

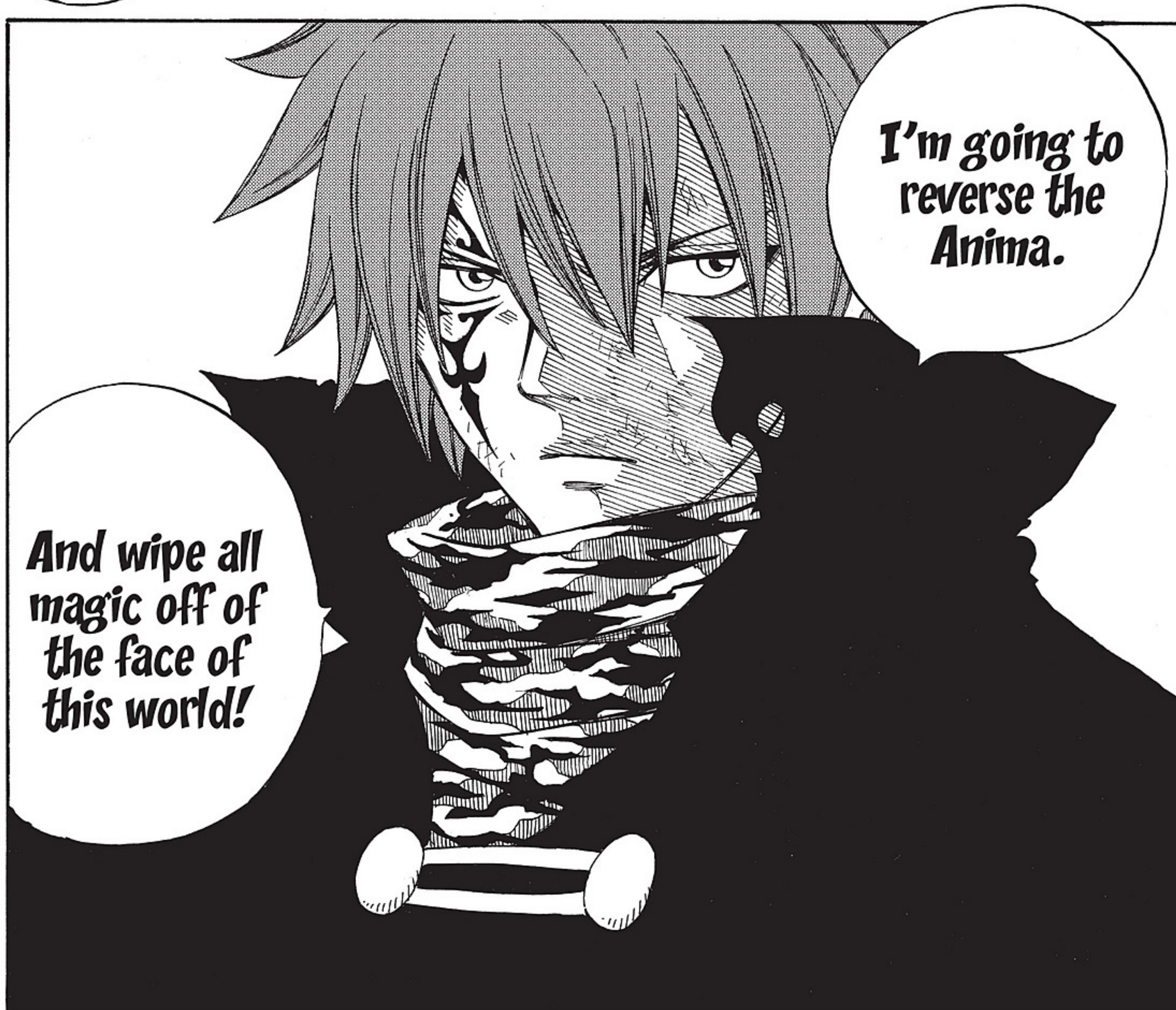
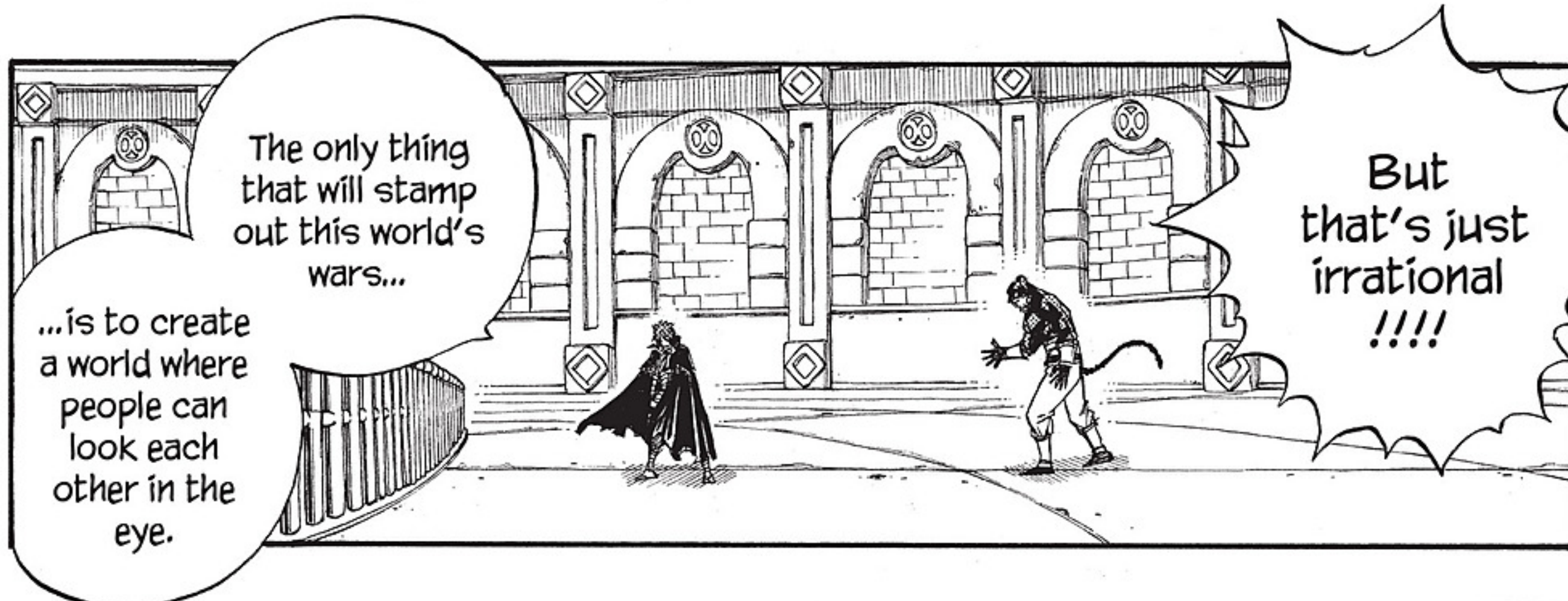


We're
the
same,
Erza.



There's
no winning
or losing
here.





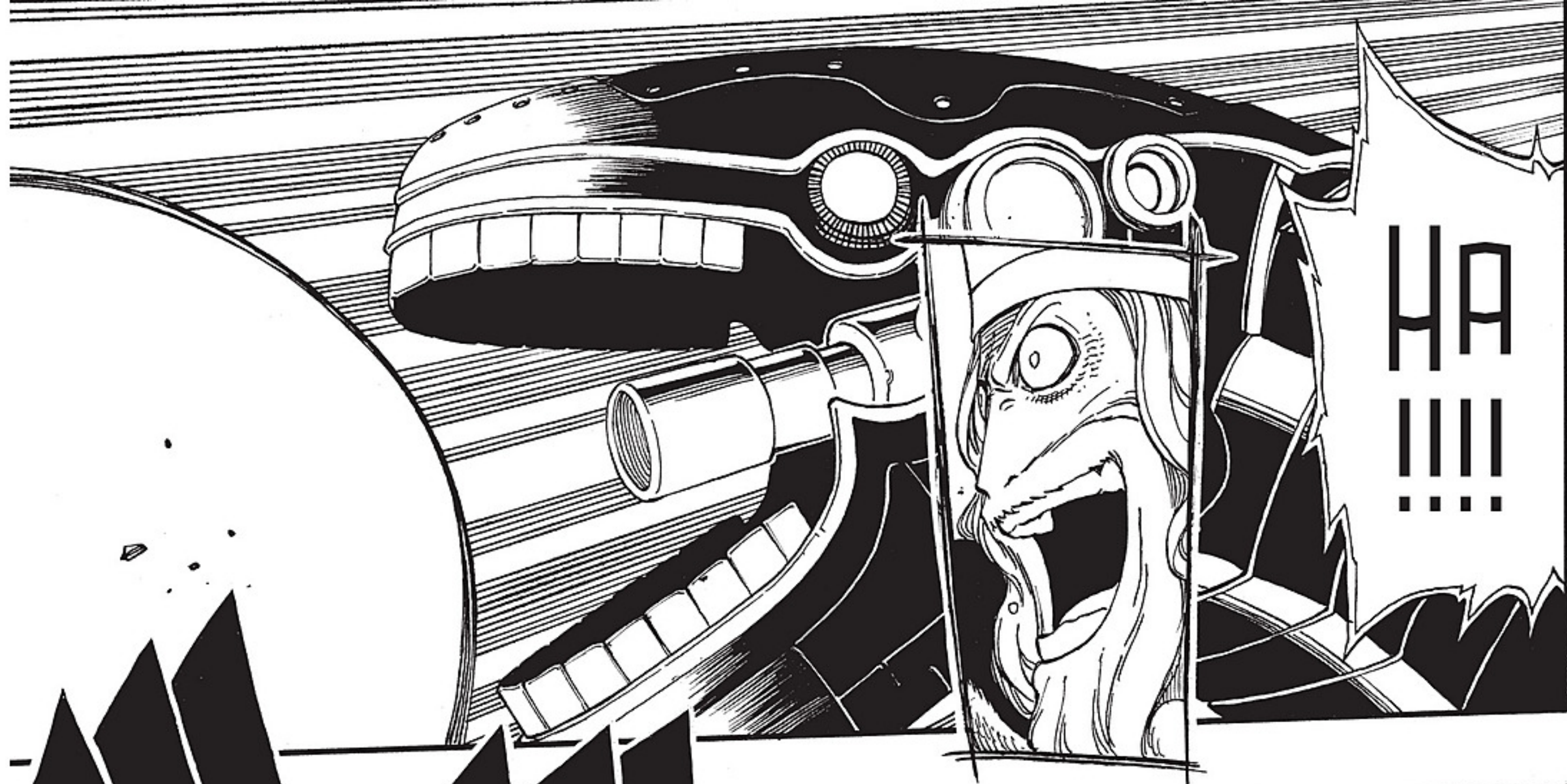


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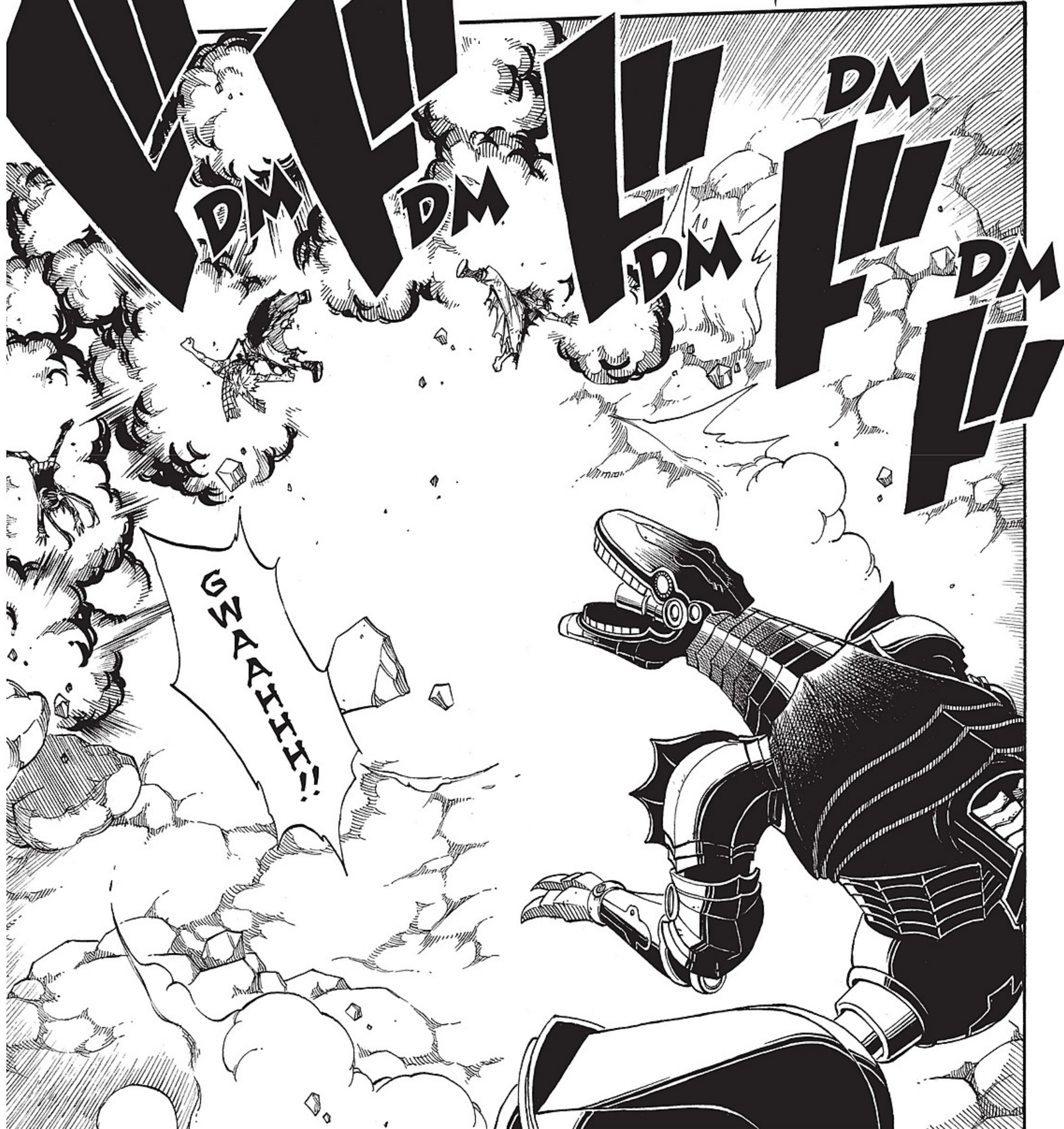




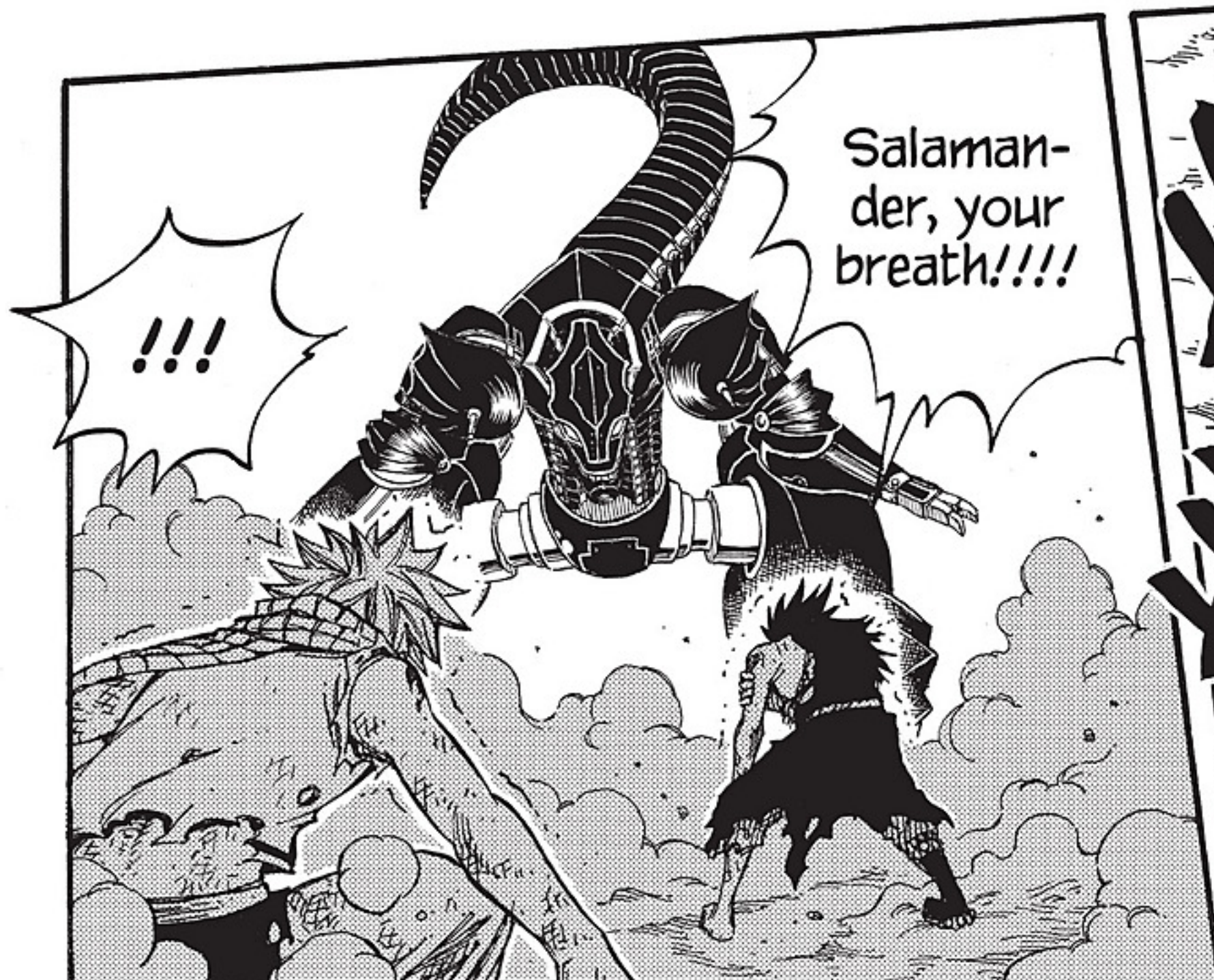
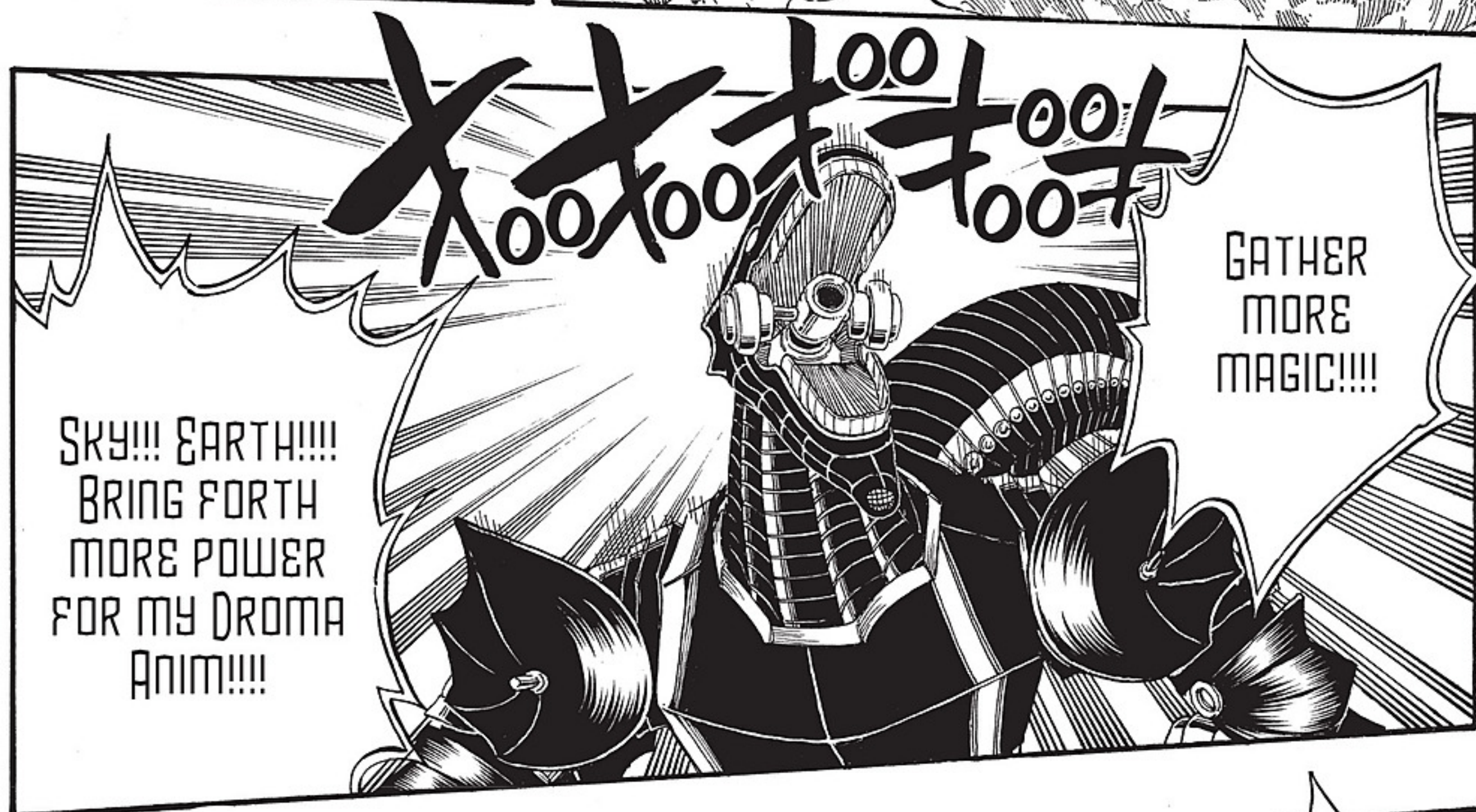
FAIRYTAIL

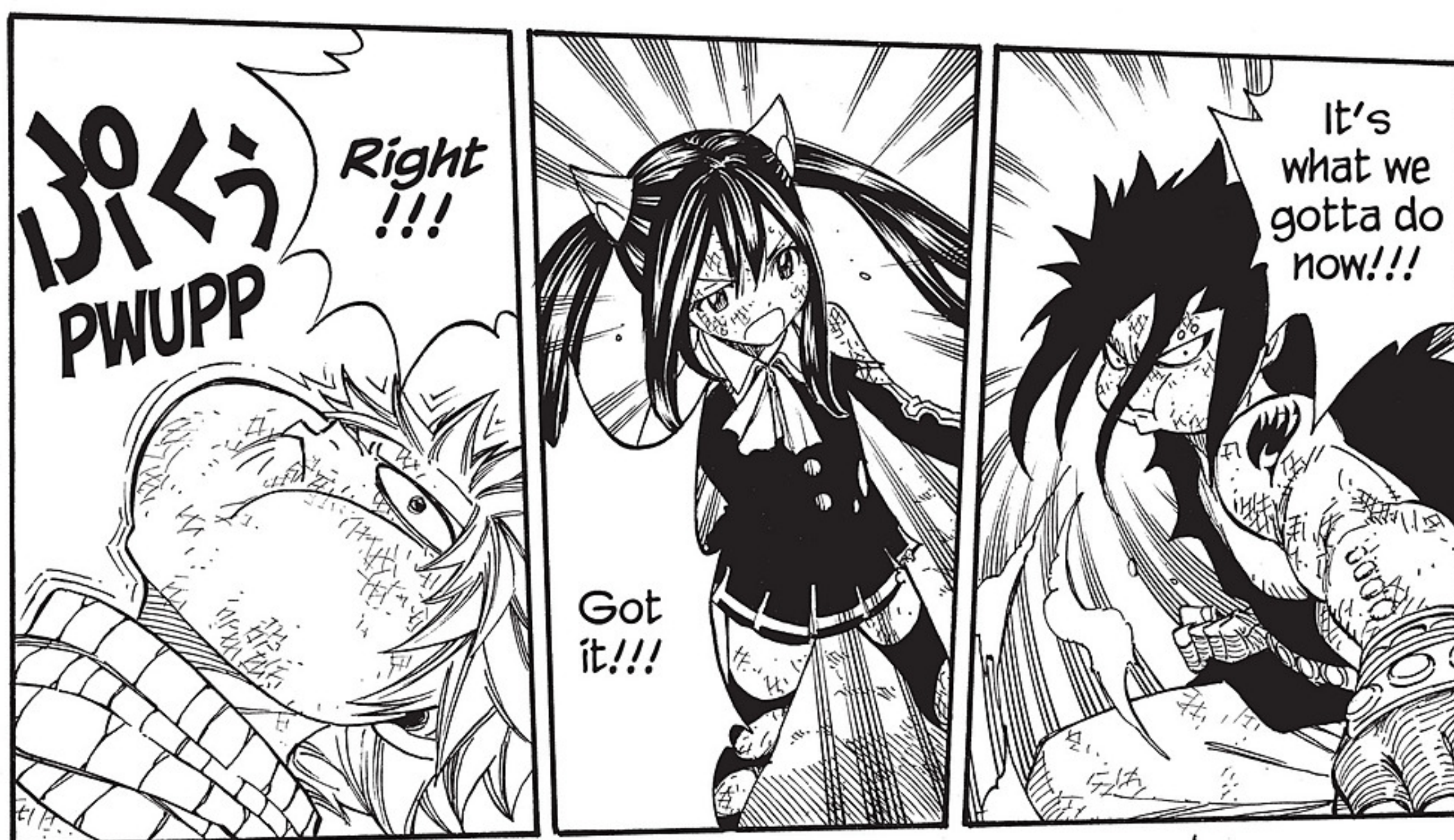
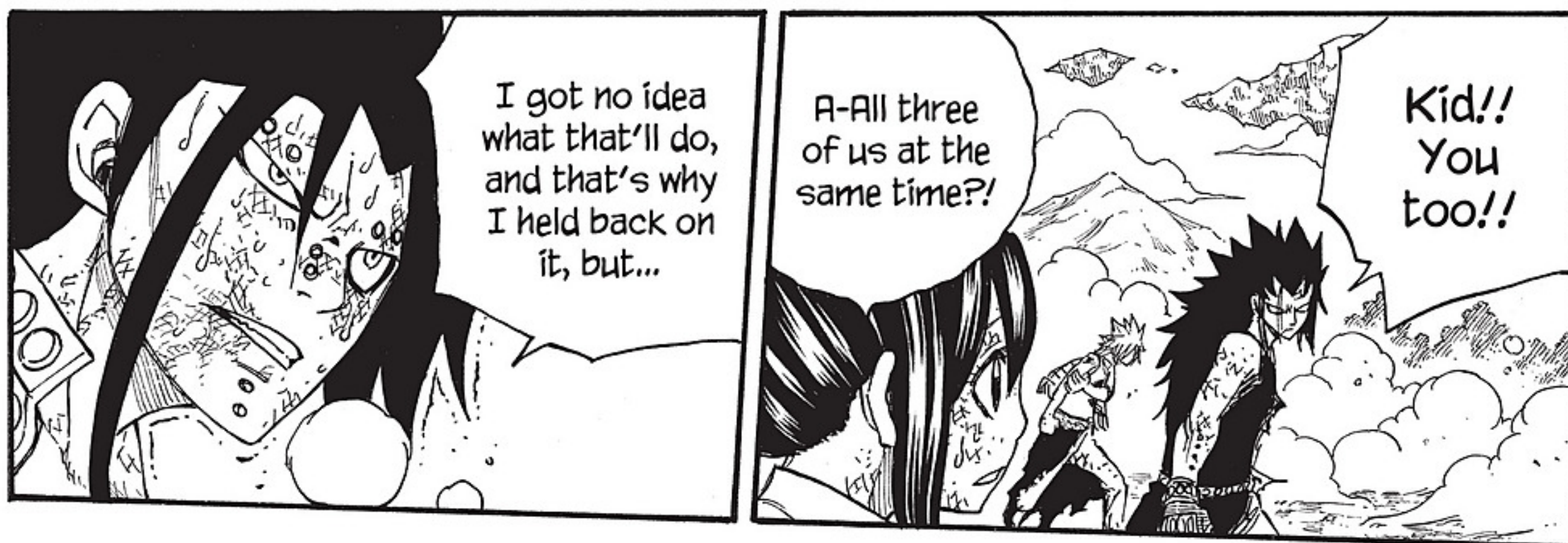


HA
!!!!



GWAAAA!!





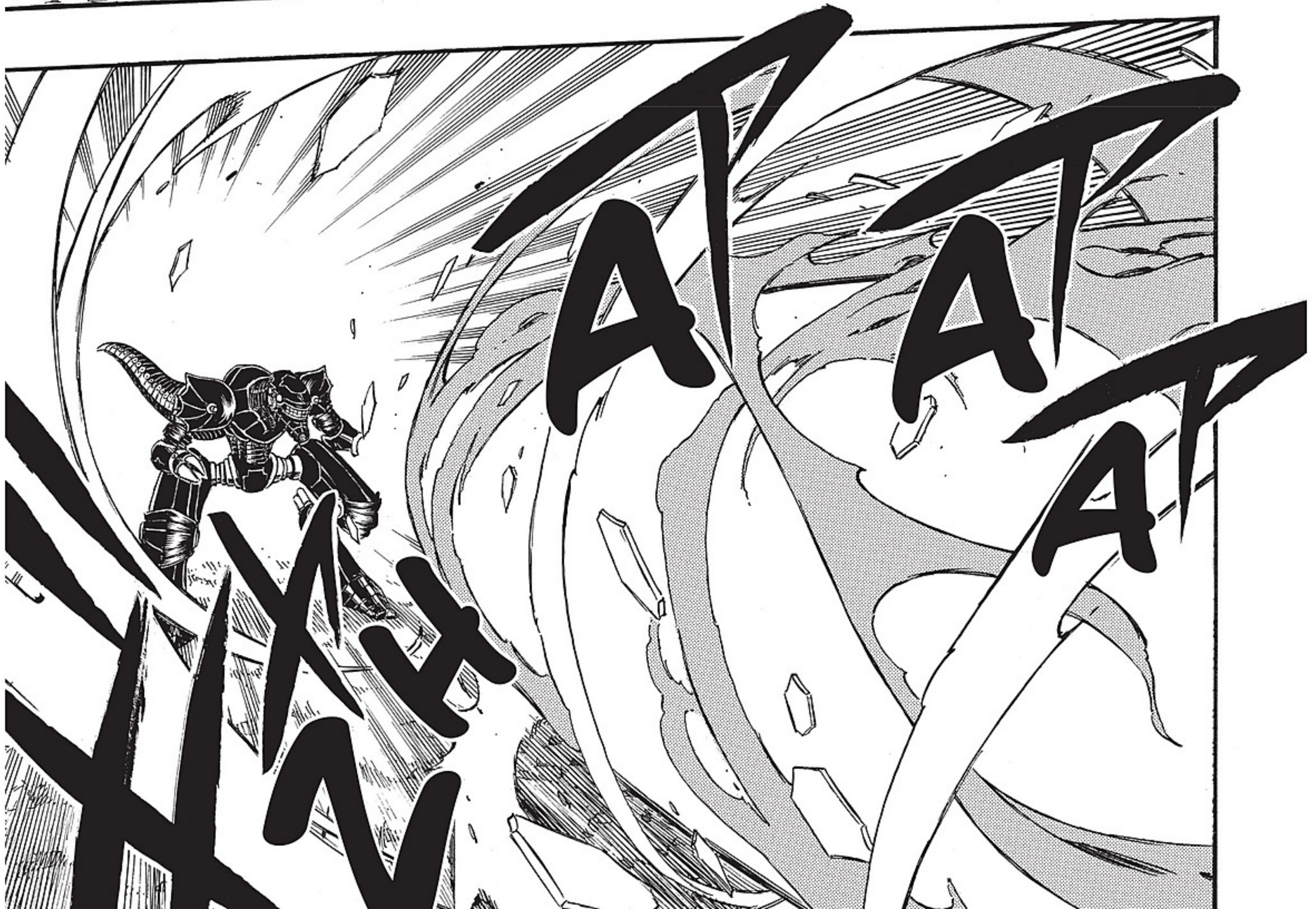
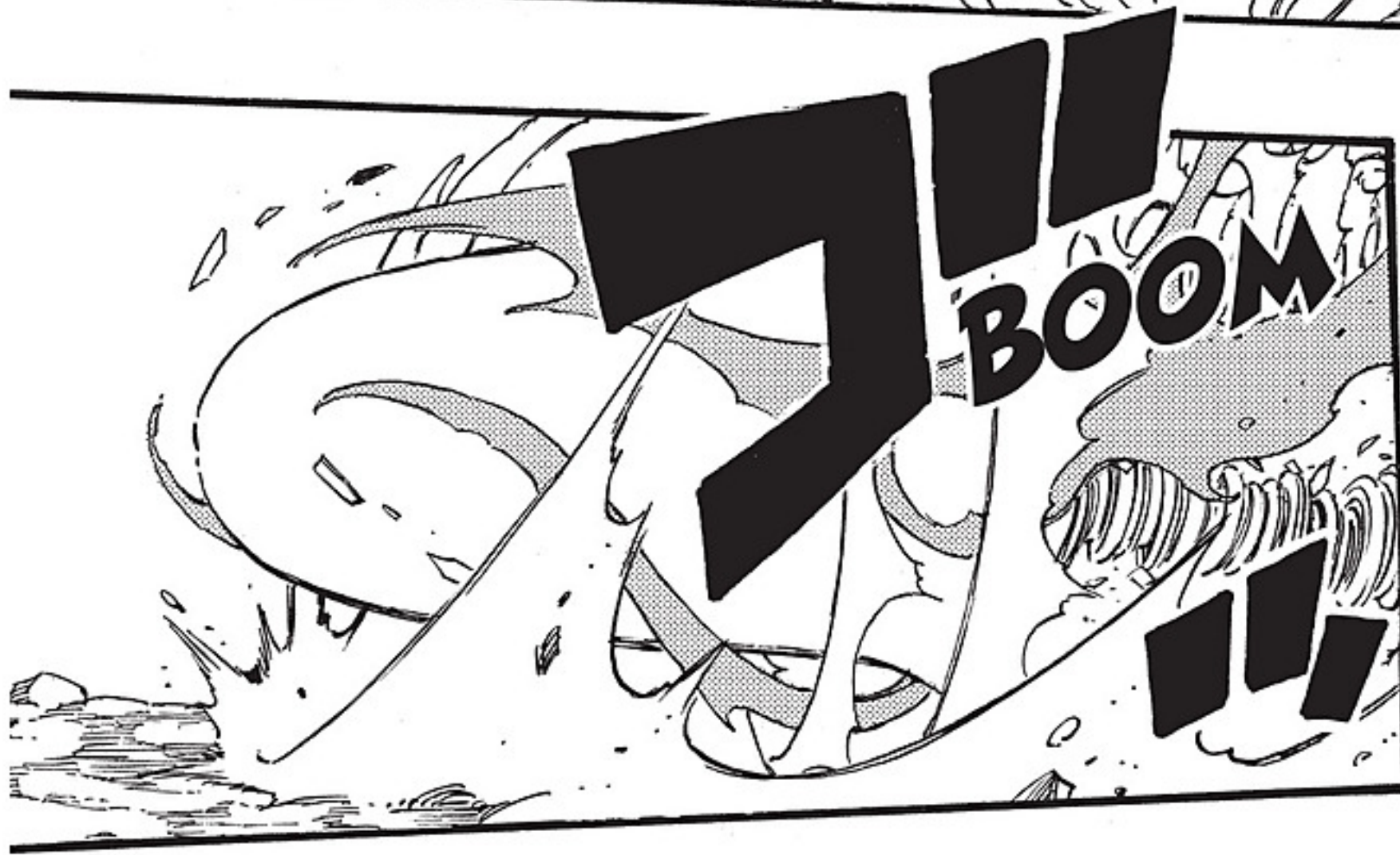
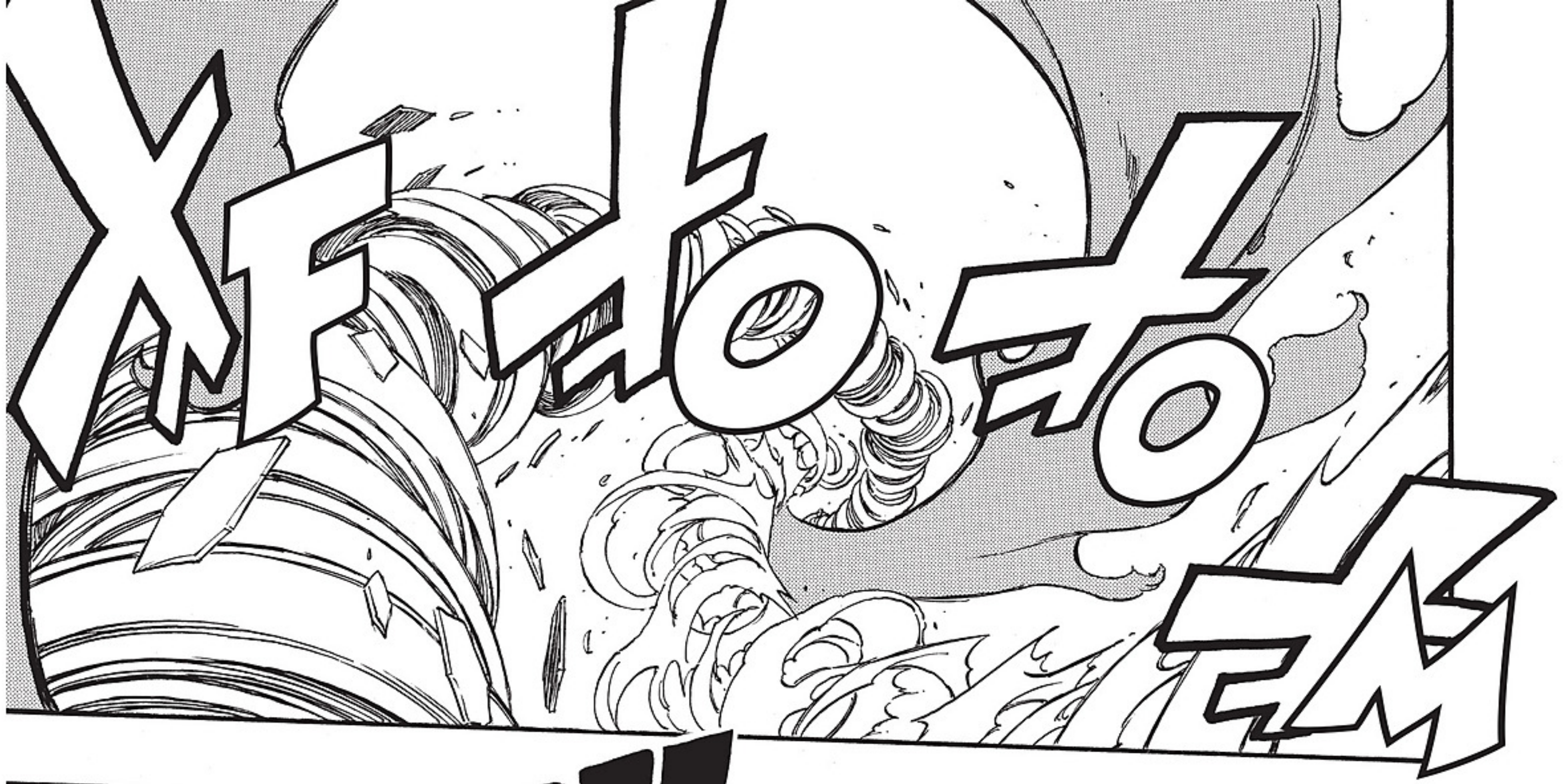
*Sky Dragon's...

*Iron Dragon's...

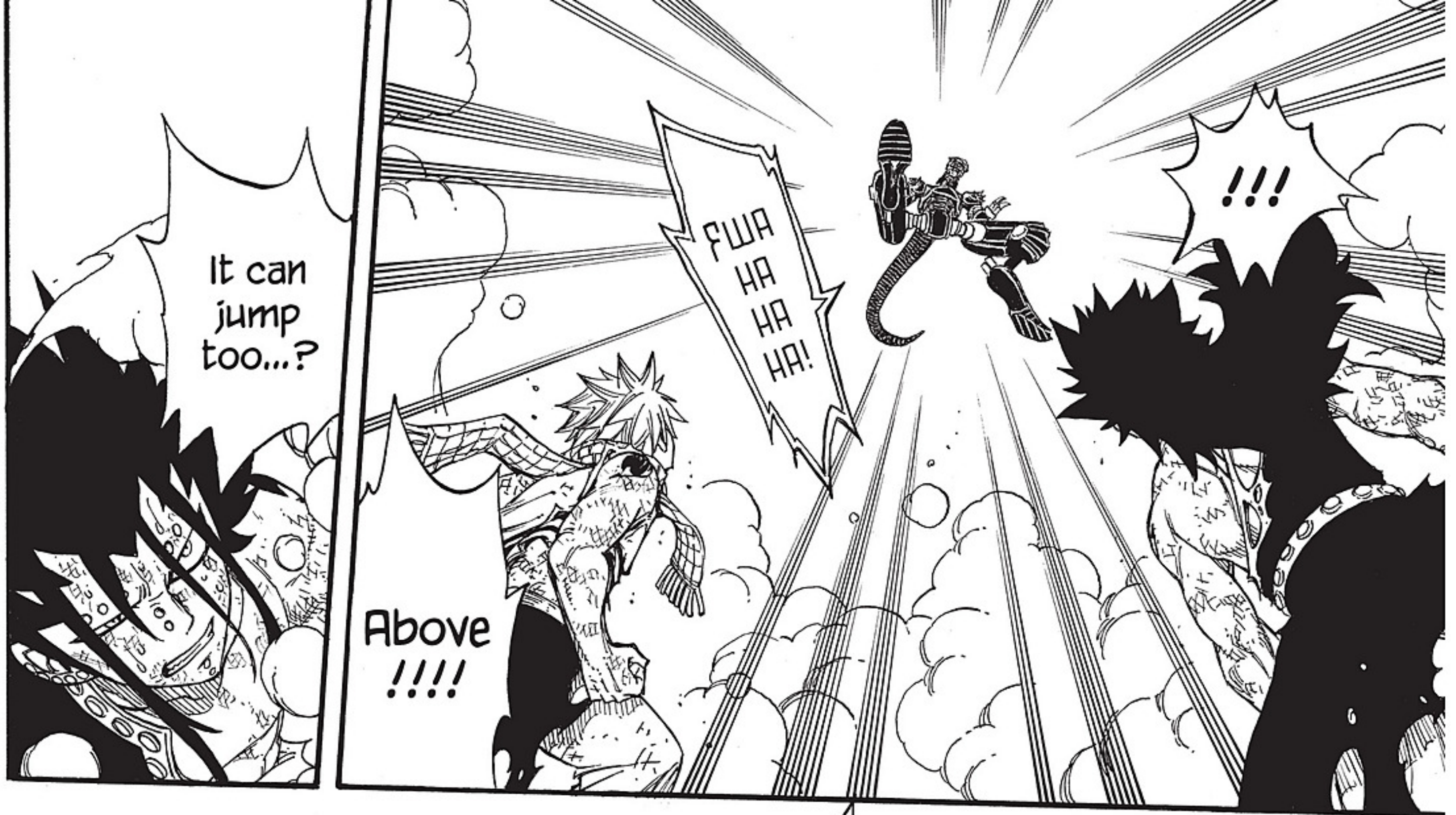
*Fire Dragon's...

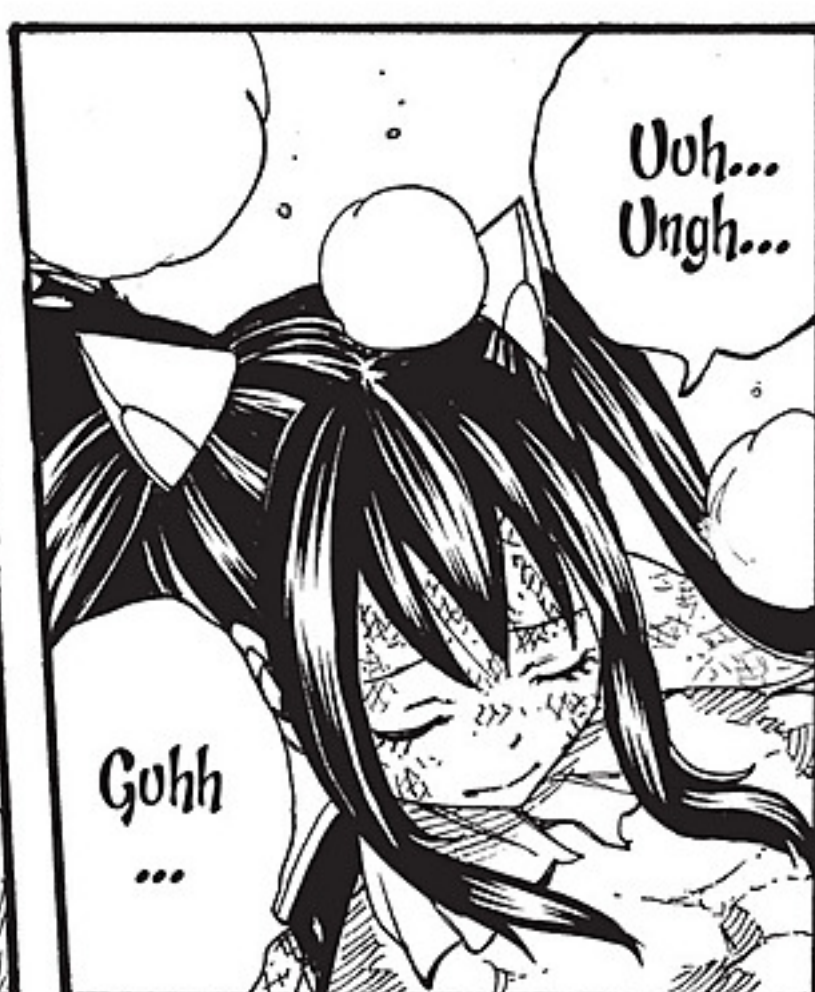
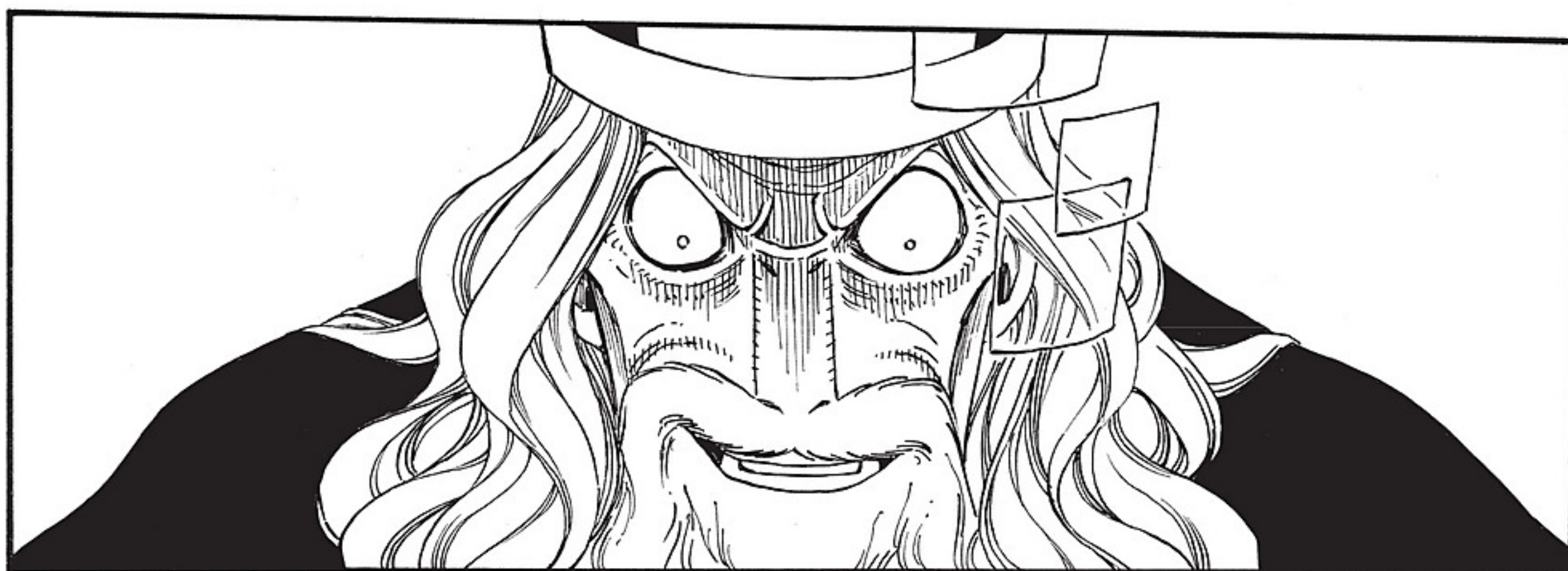
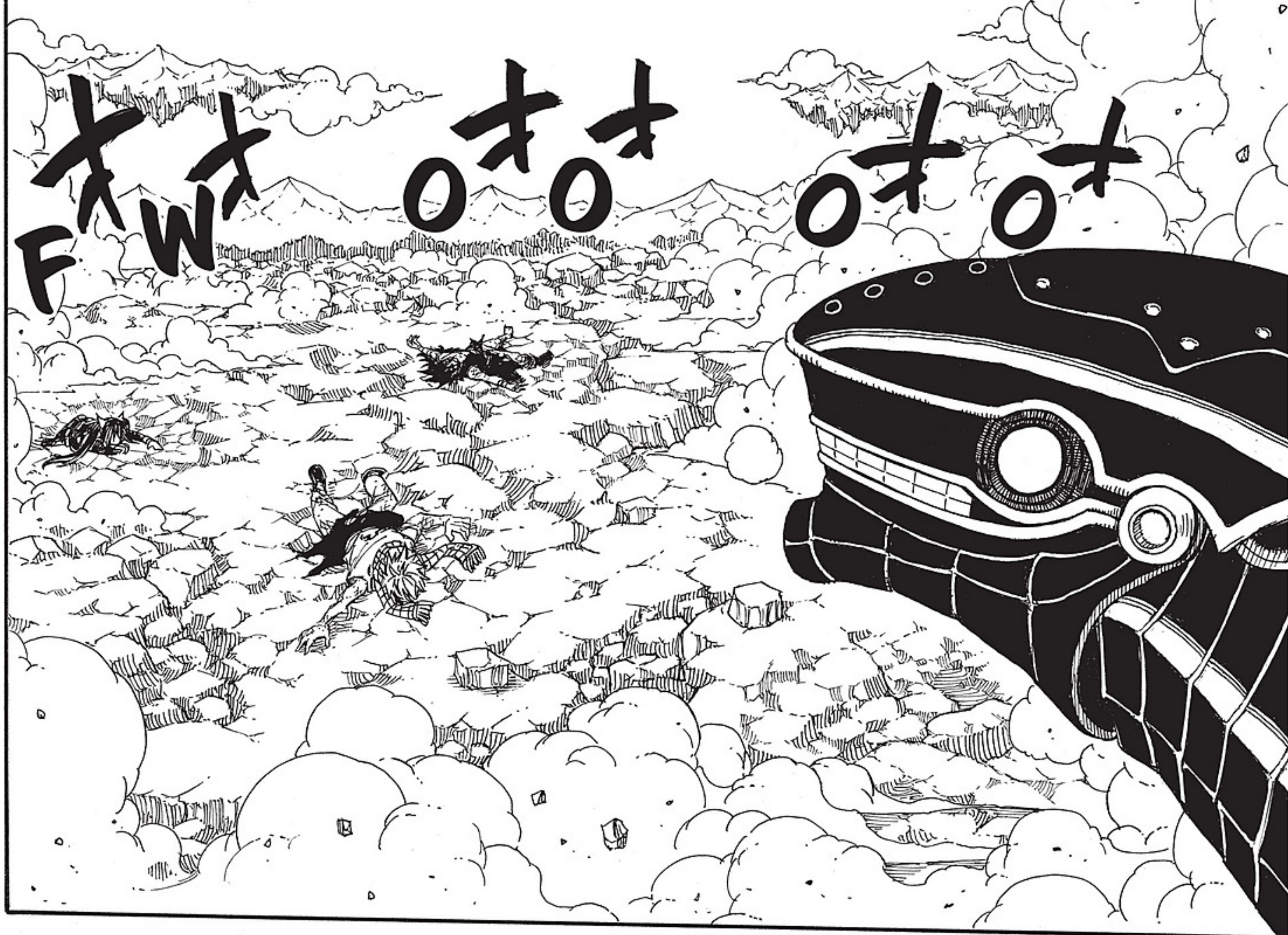
...
Hōkō*
!!!!!!

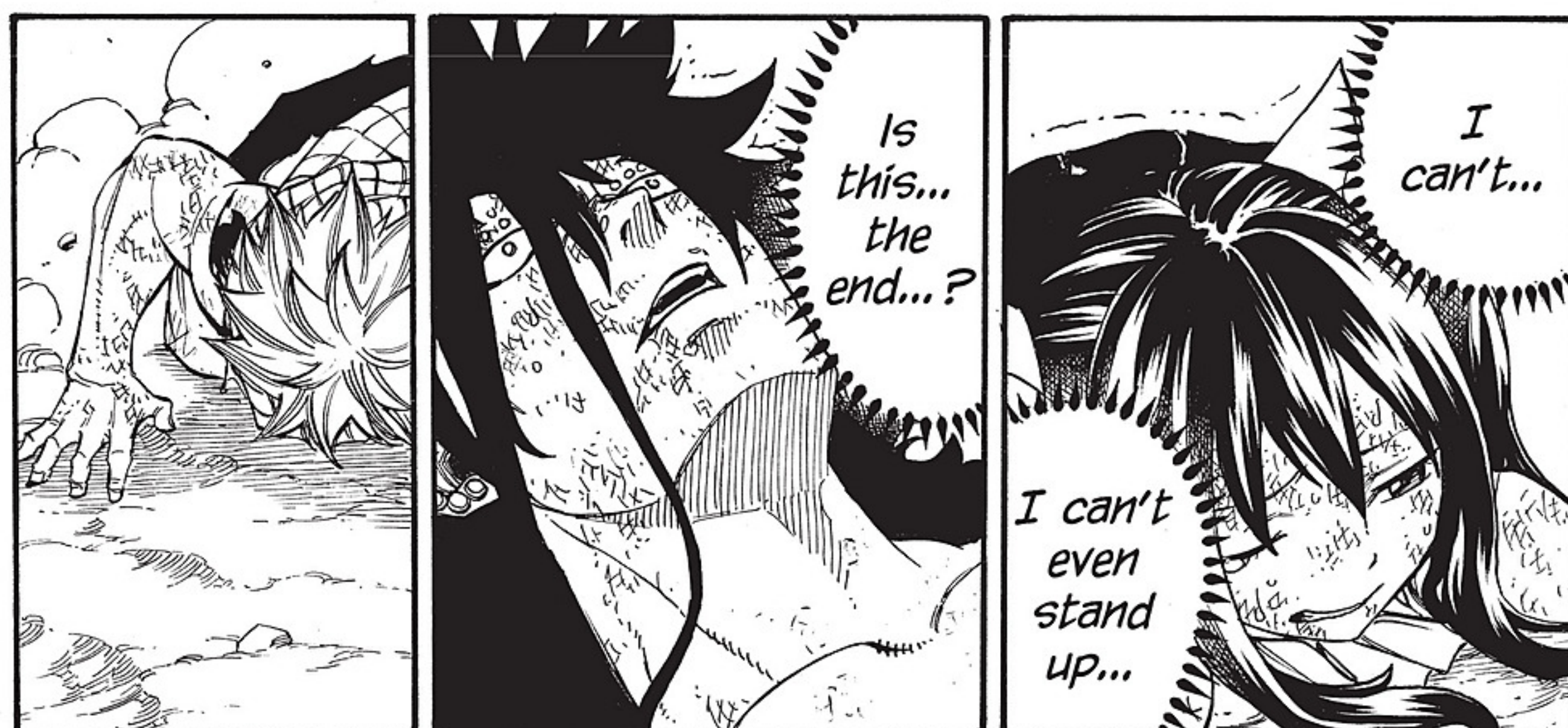
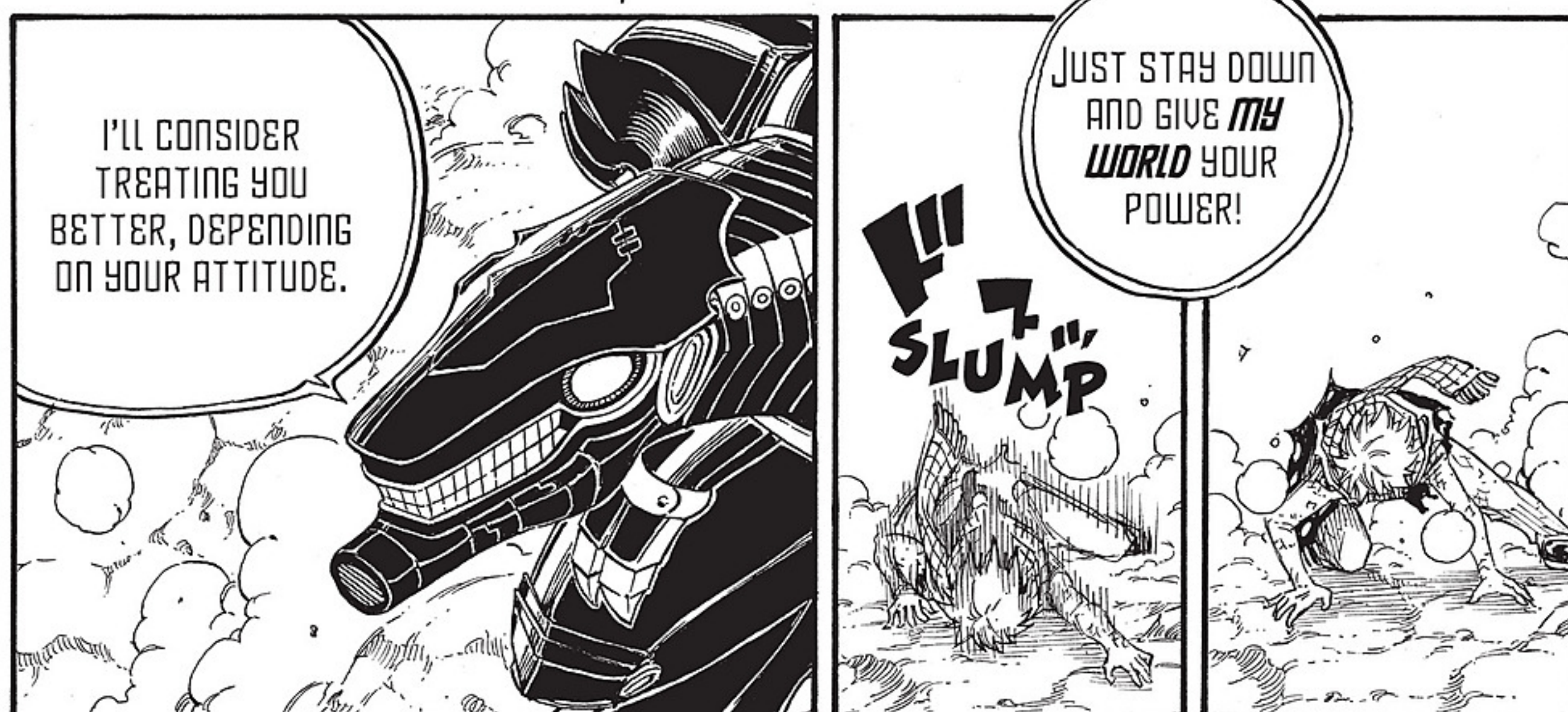
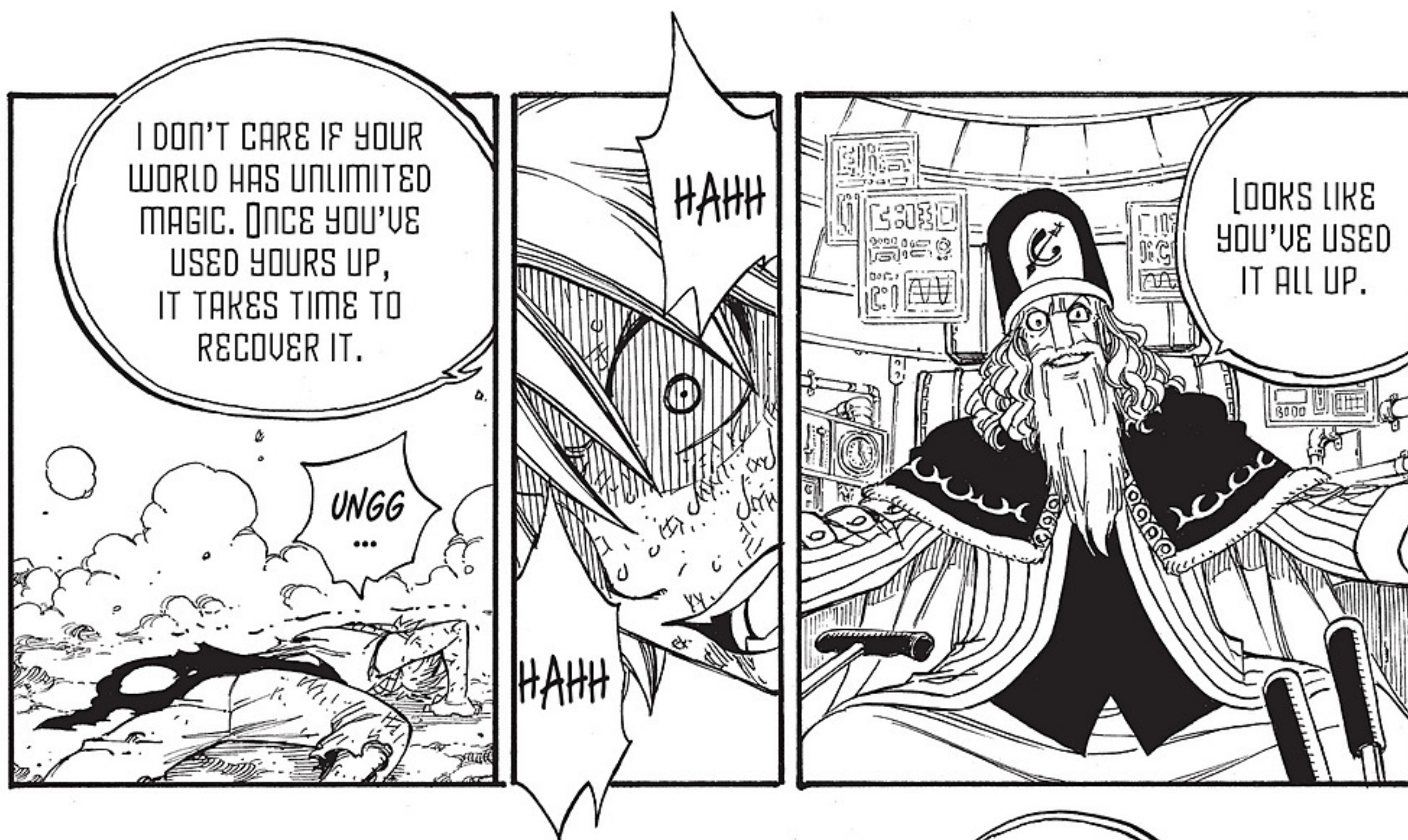
WOOSH

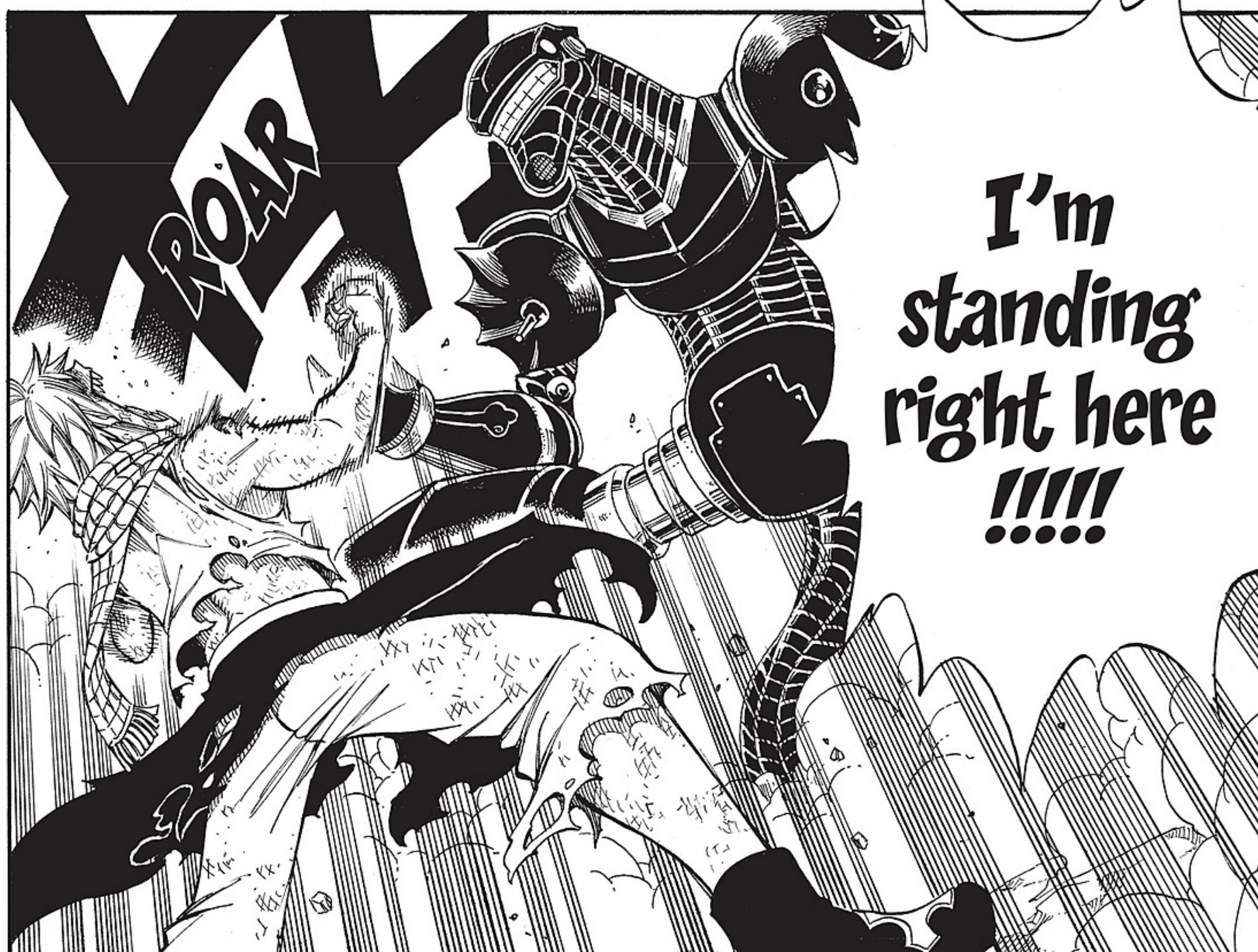
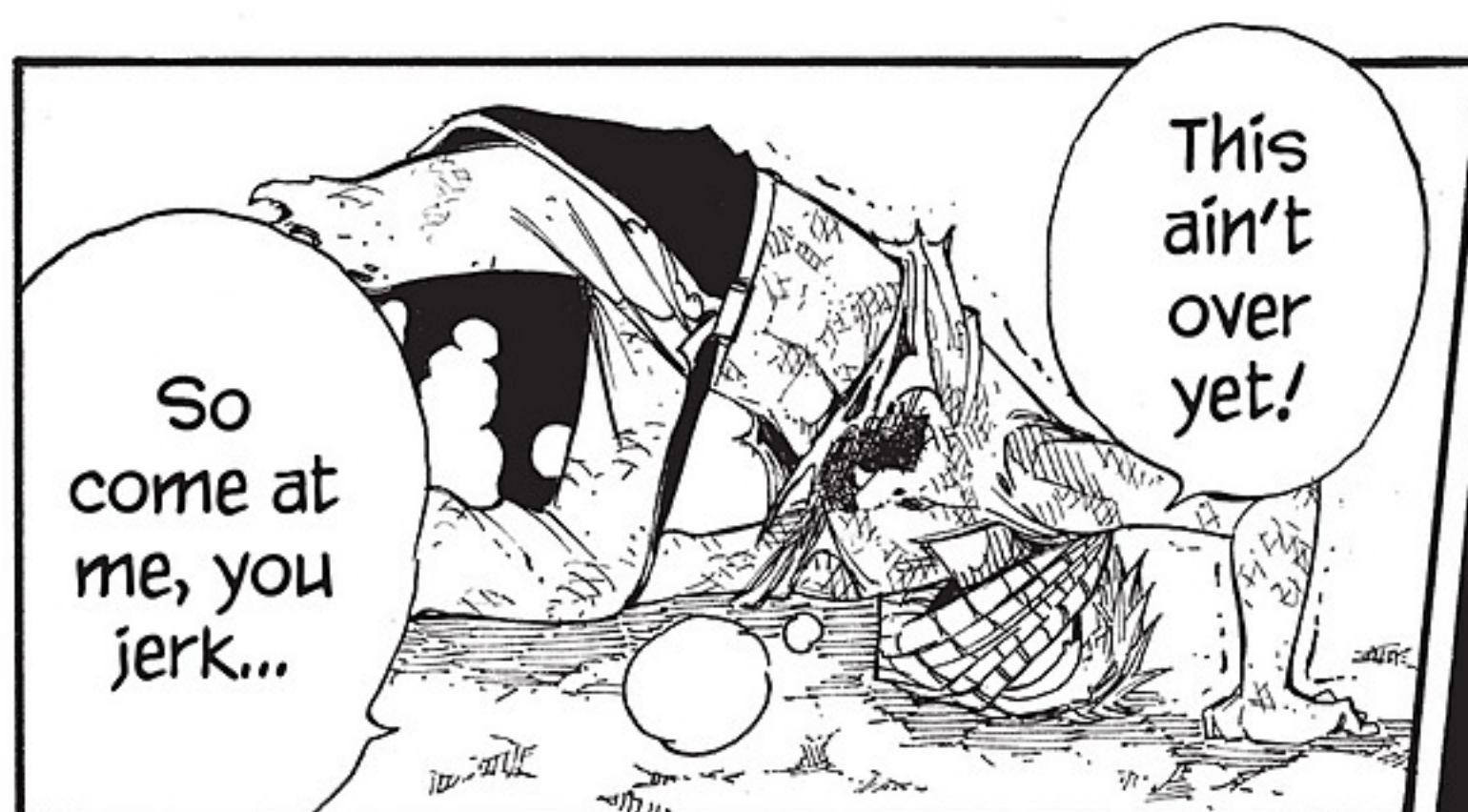
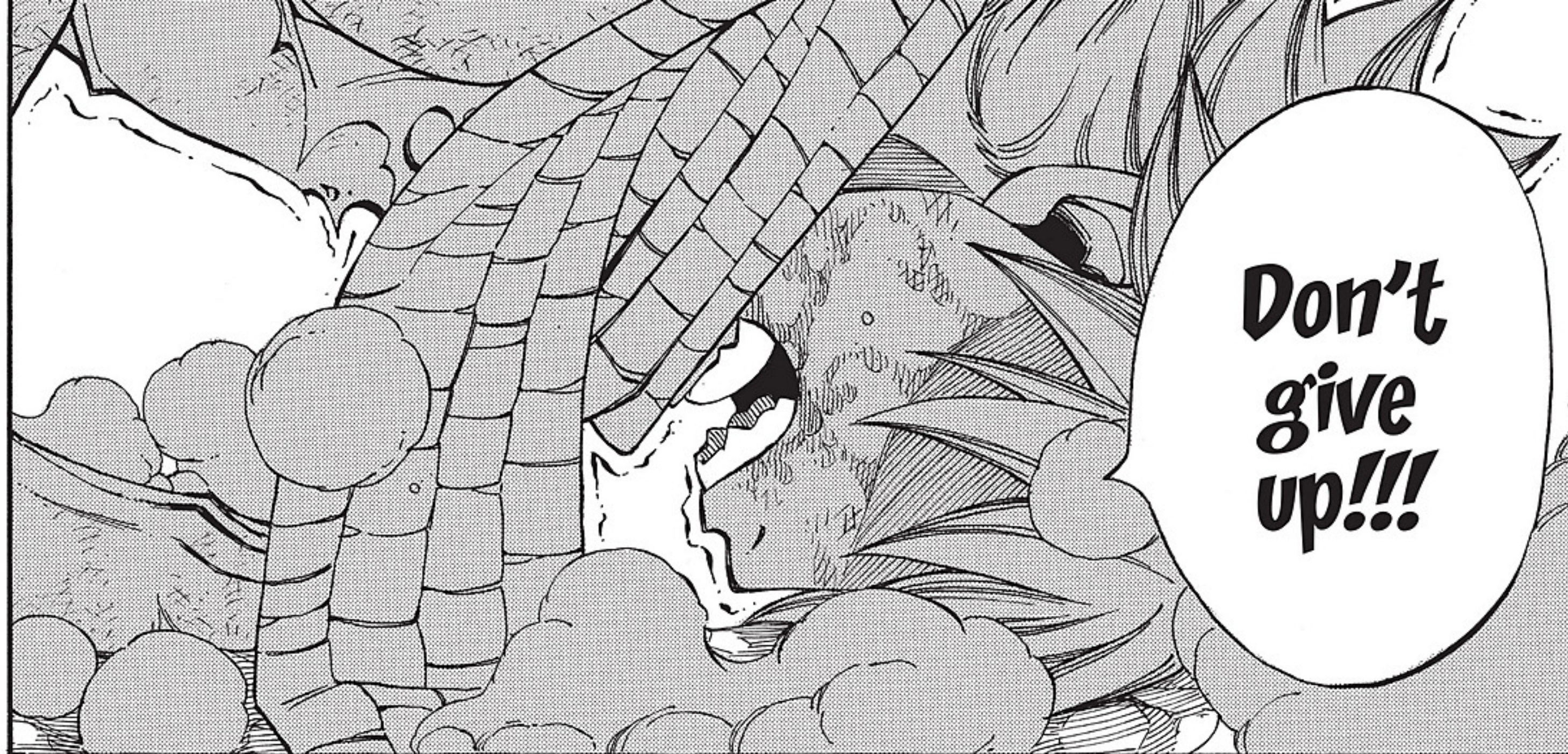


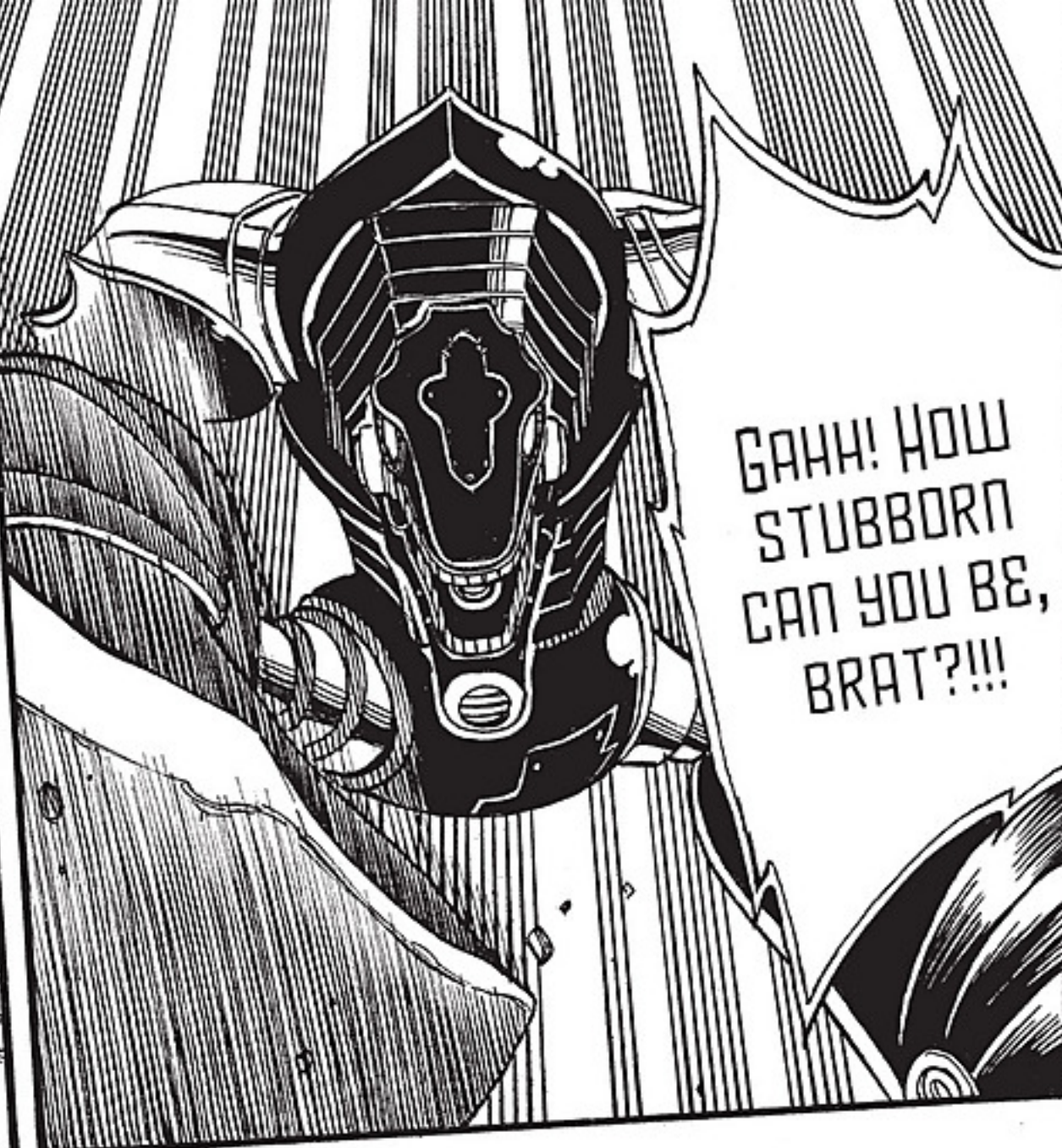
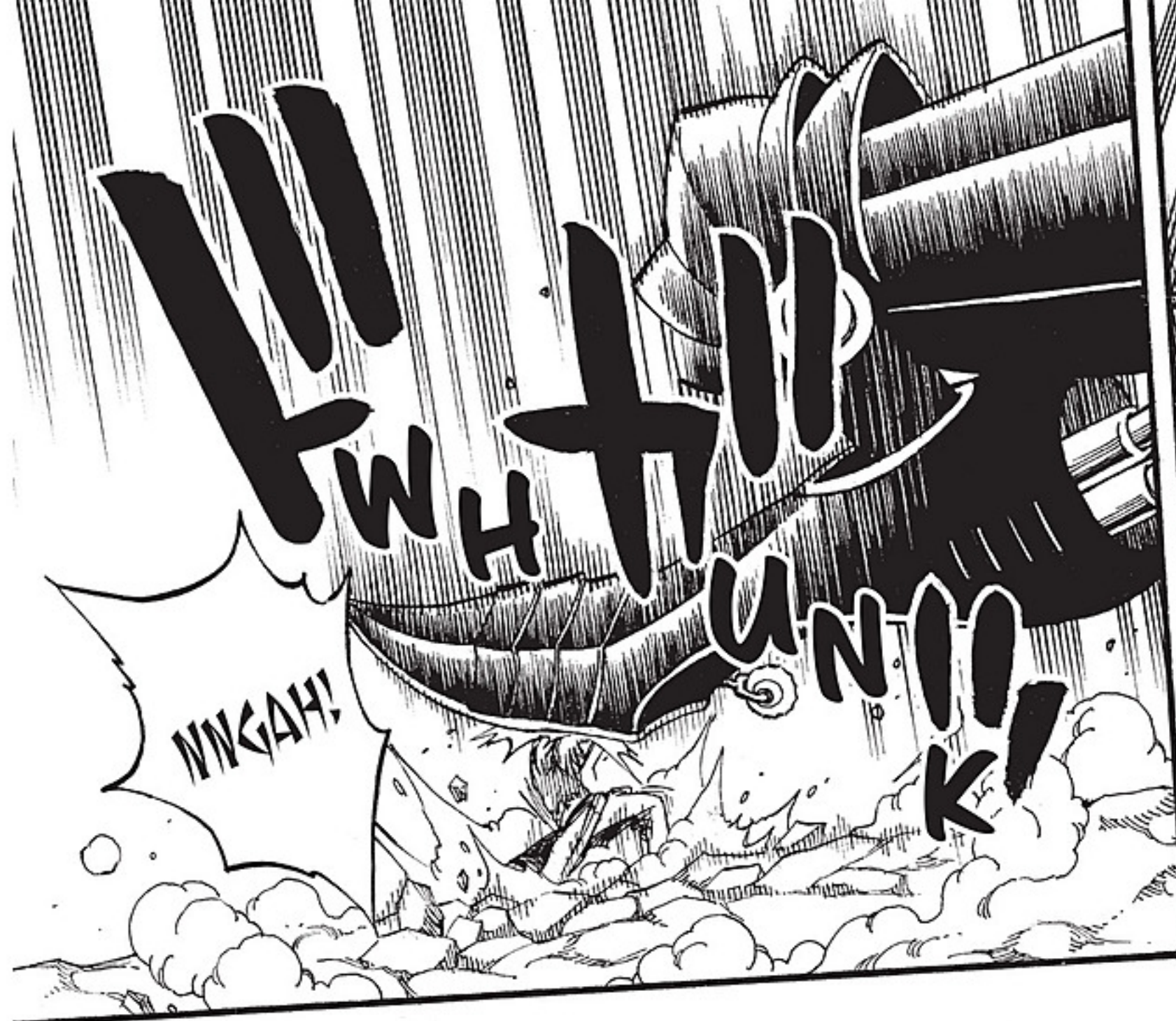












GAHH! HOW
STUBBORN
CAN YOU BE,
BRAT?!!!



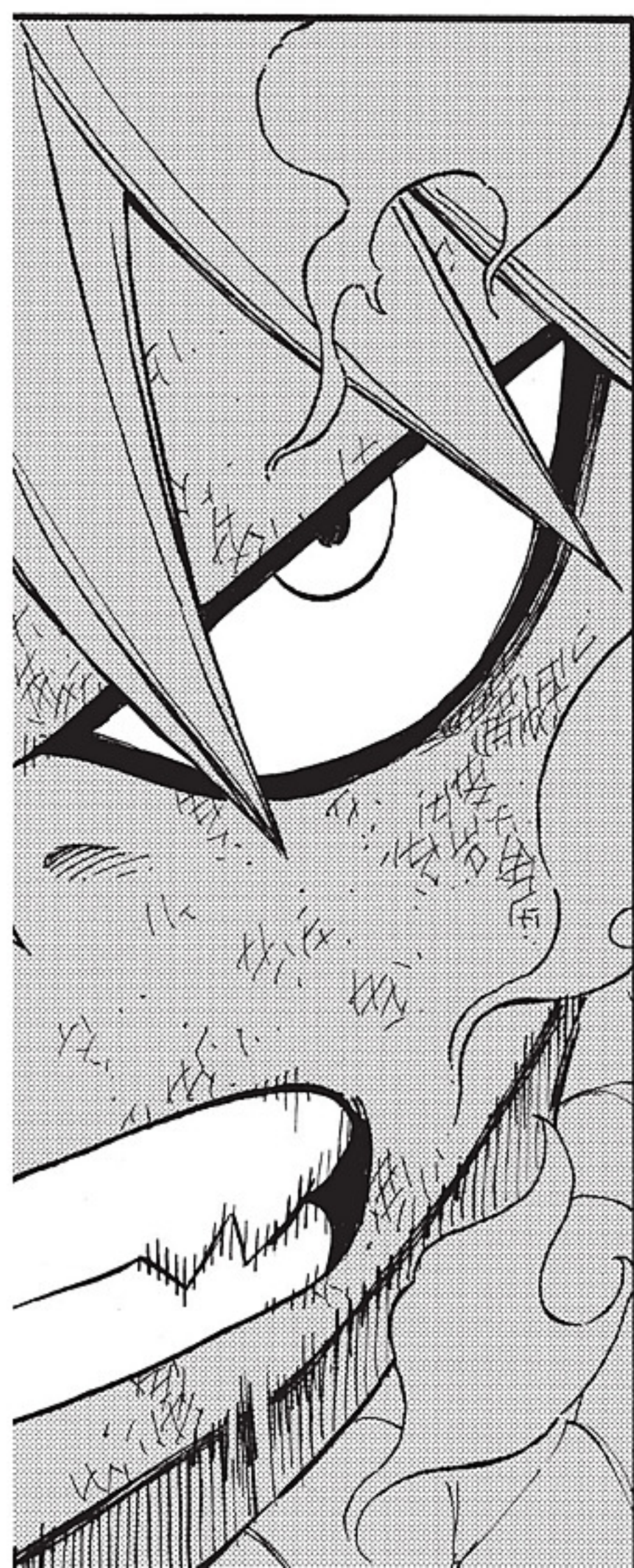
So I'll
scrape
up
some
more
!!!!



You've
got no
magic
left for
now!

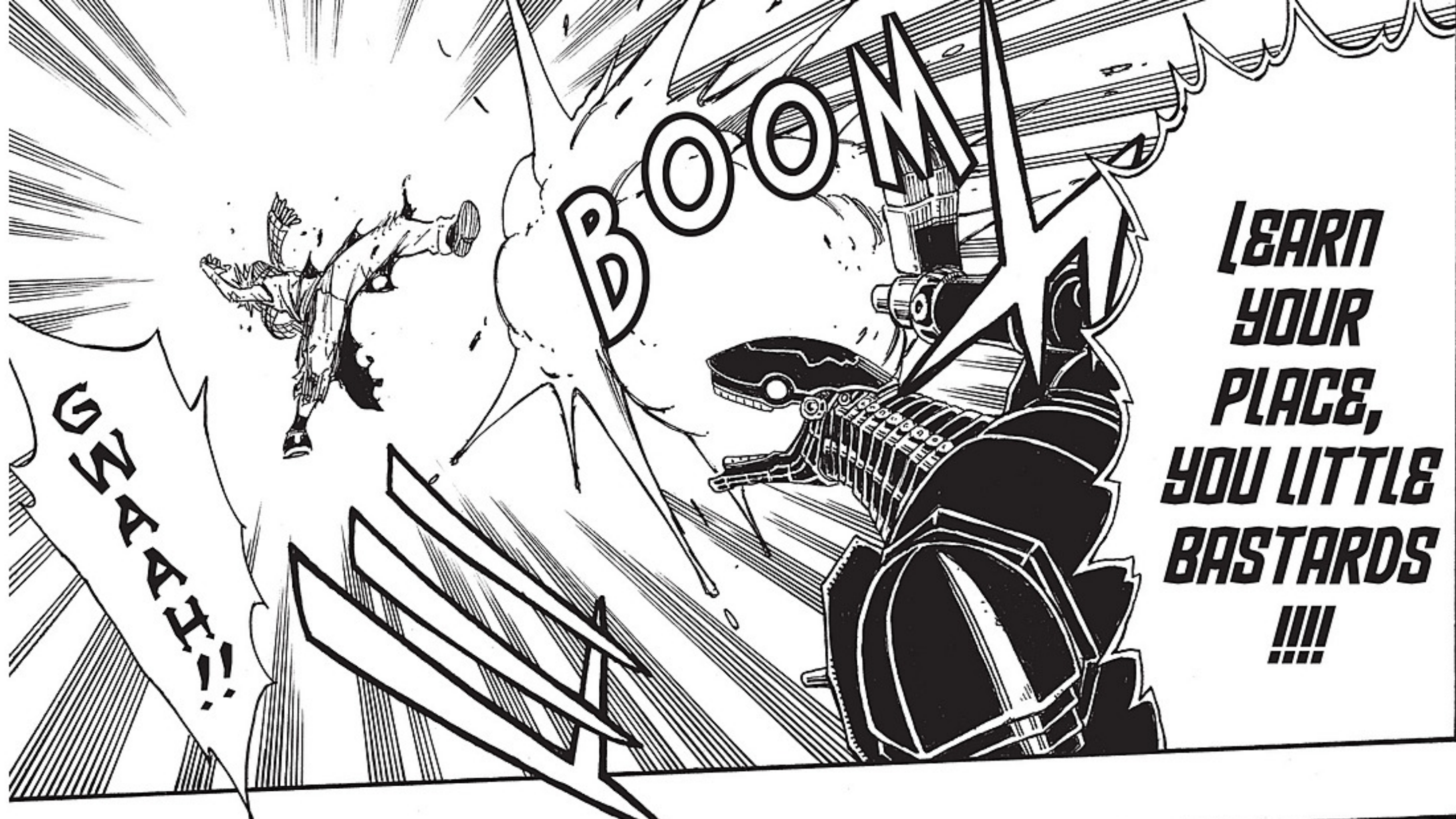


Natsu-
san...

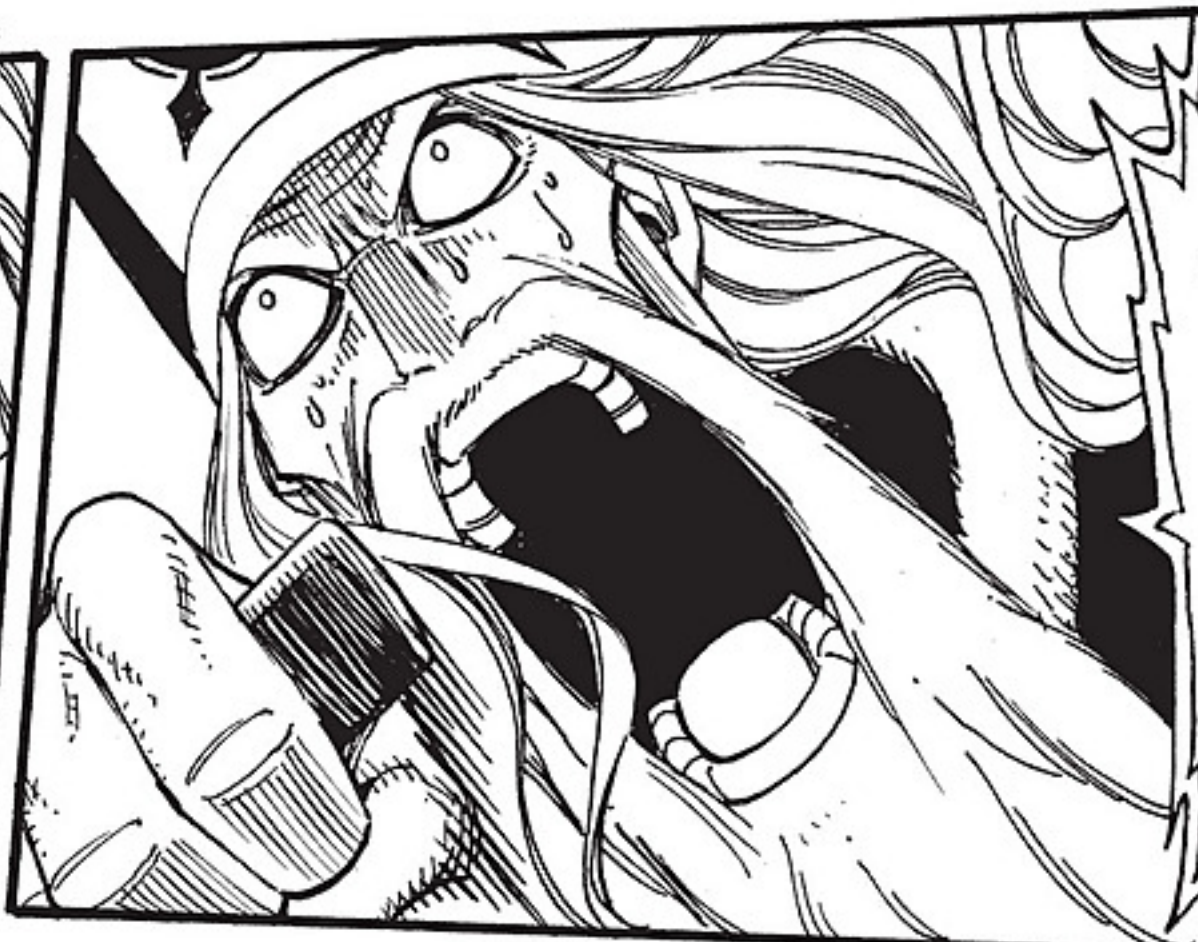
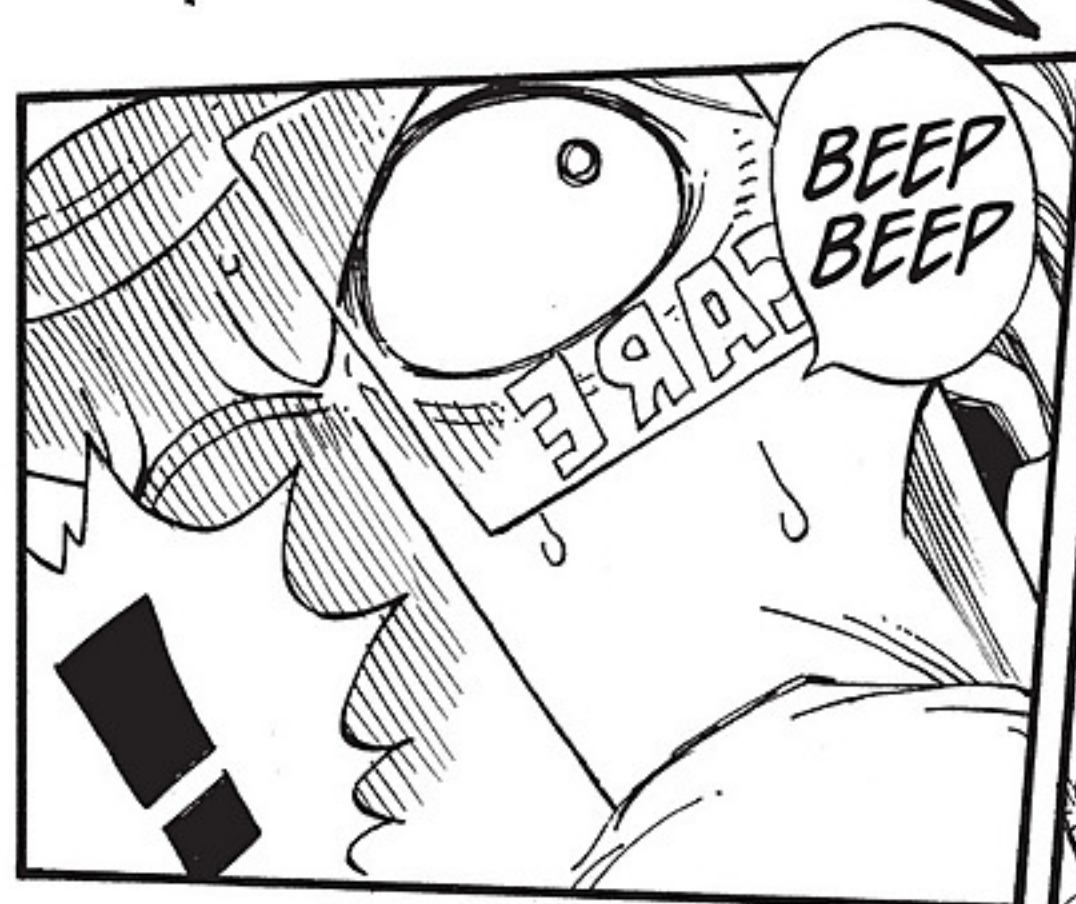


I'll use
the magic
meant for
tomorrow
right
now
!!!!





**LEARN
YOUR
PLACE,
YOU LITTLE
BASTARDS
!!!!**



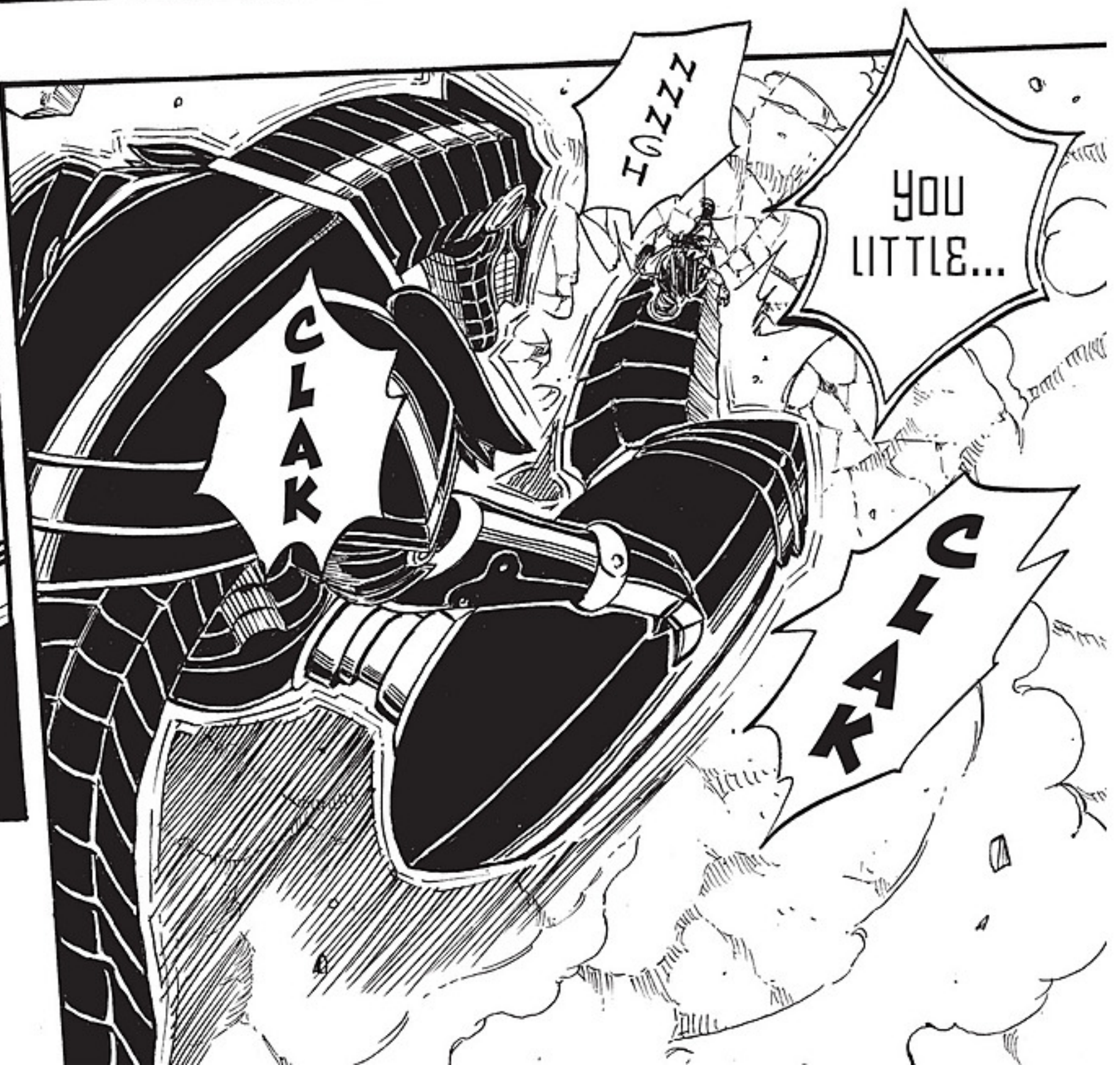
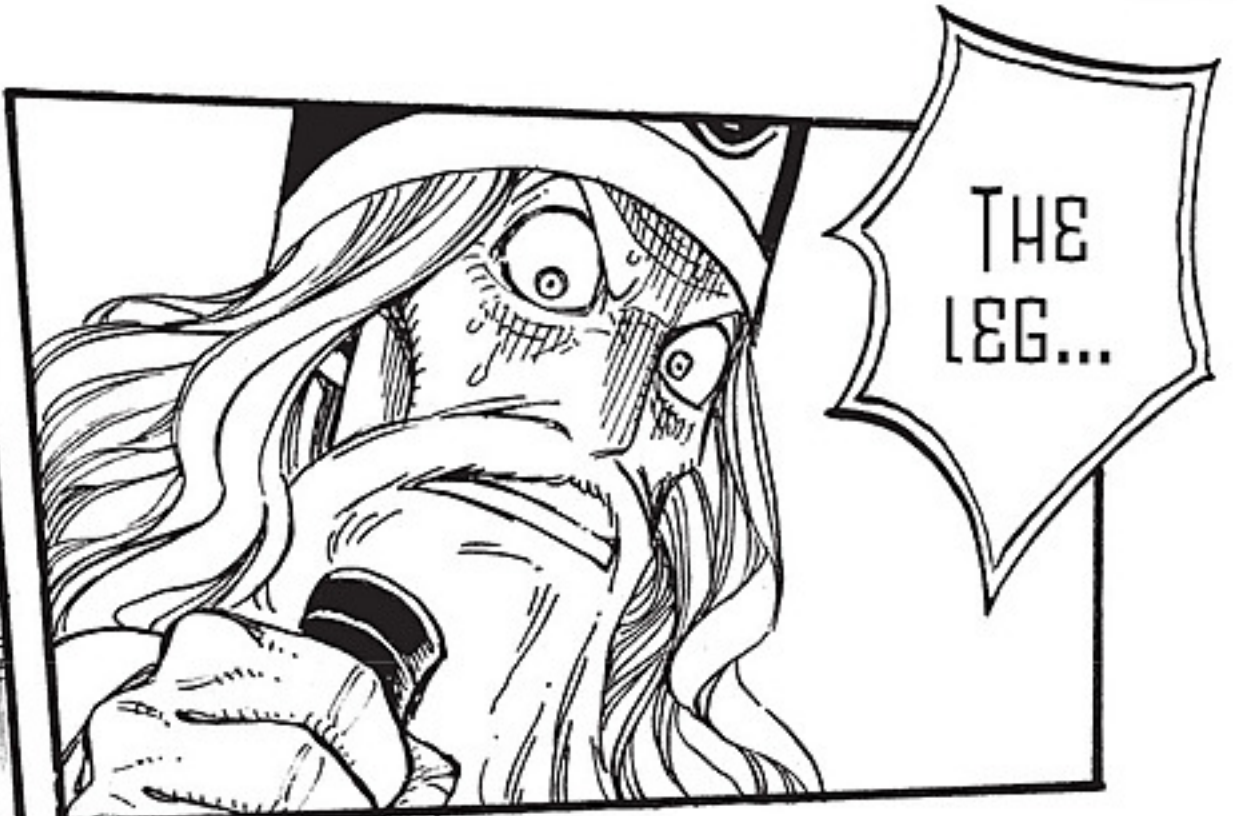
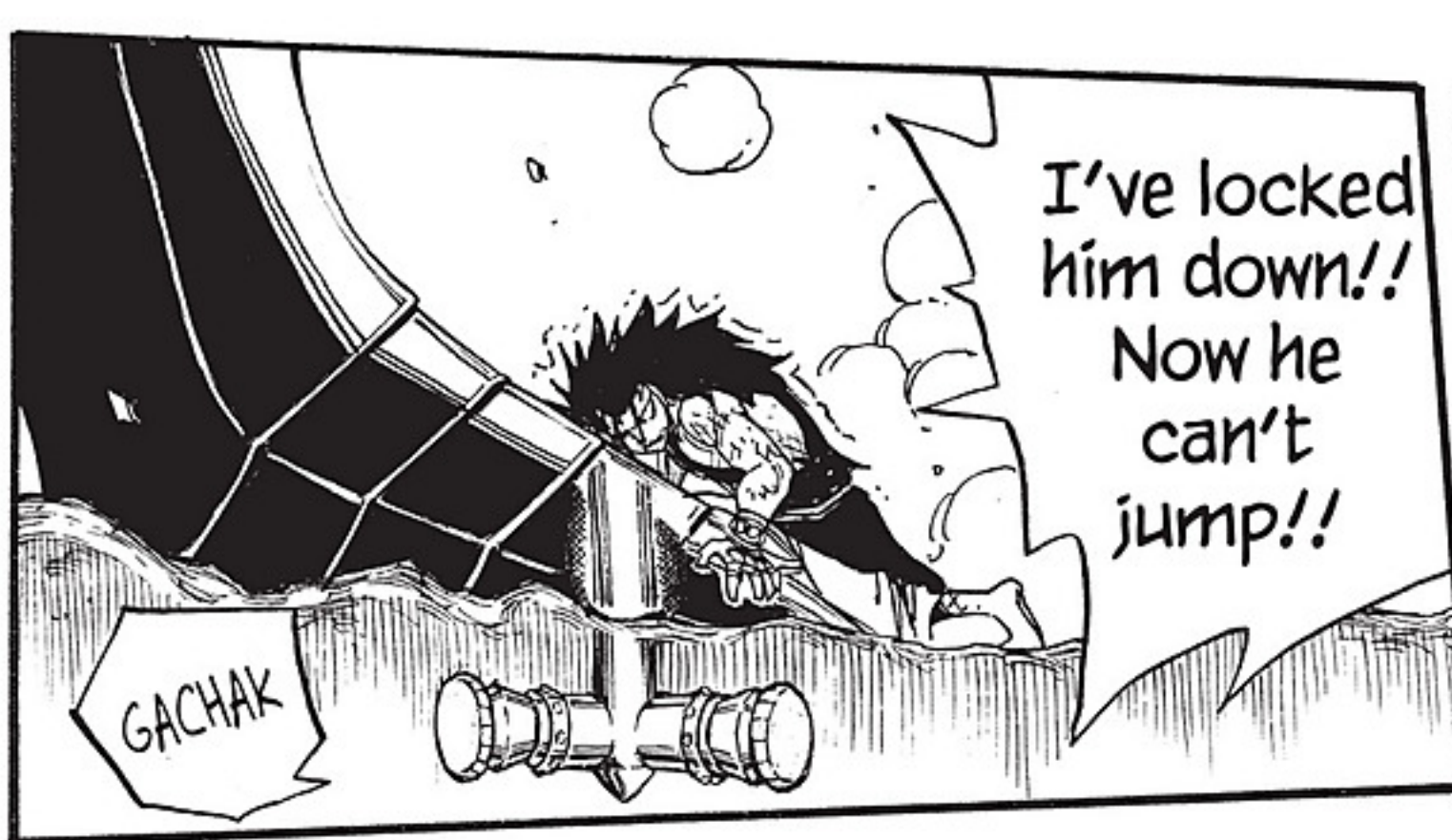
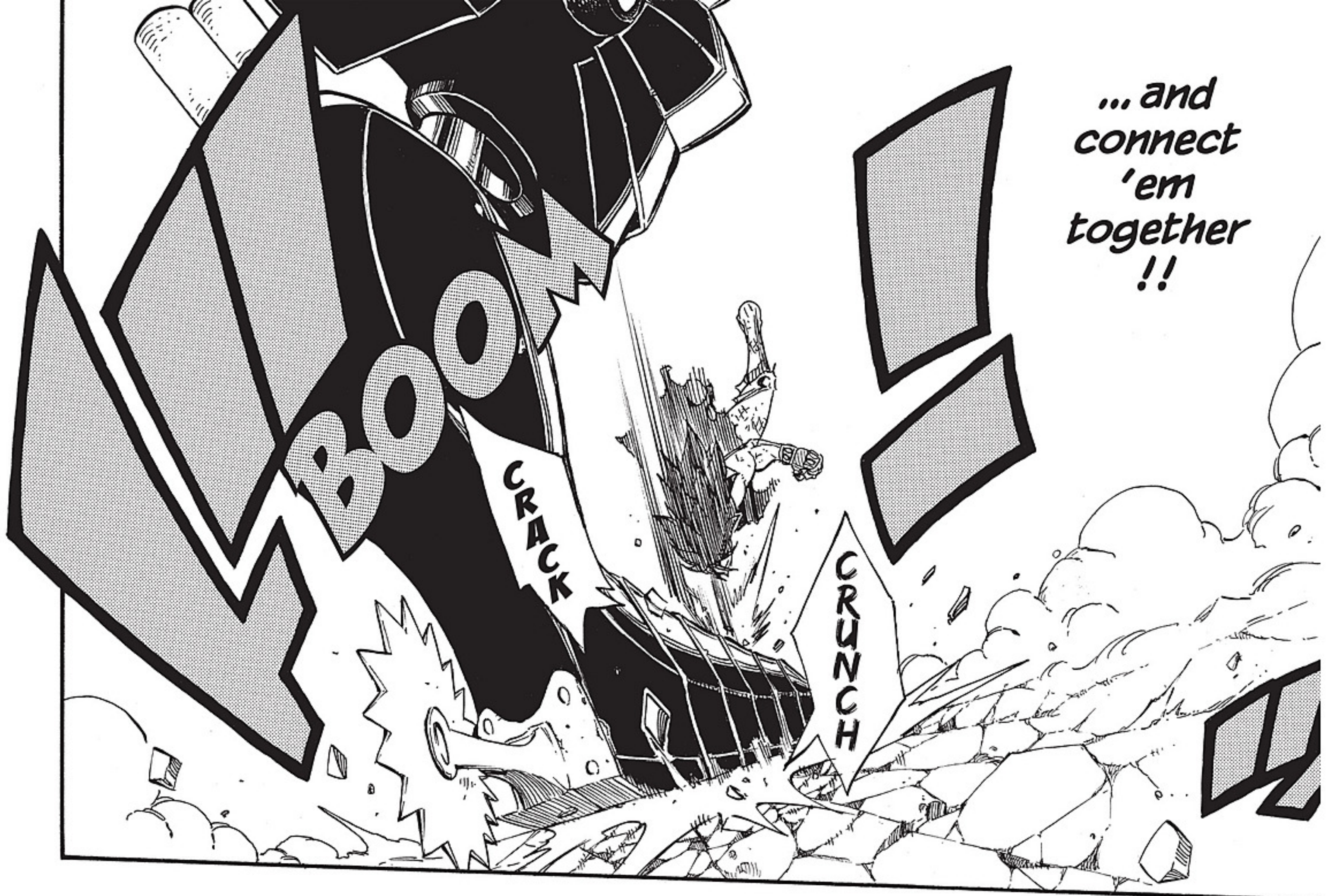
JUST WHO
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
DEALING
WITH?!

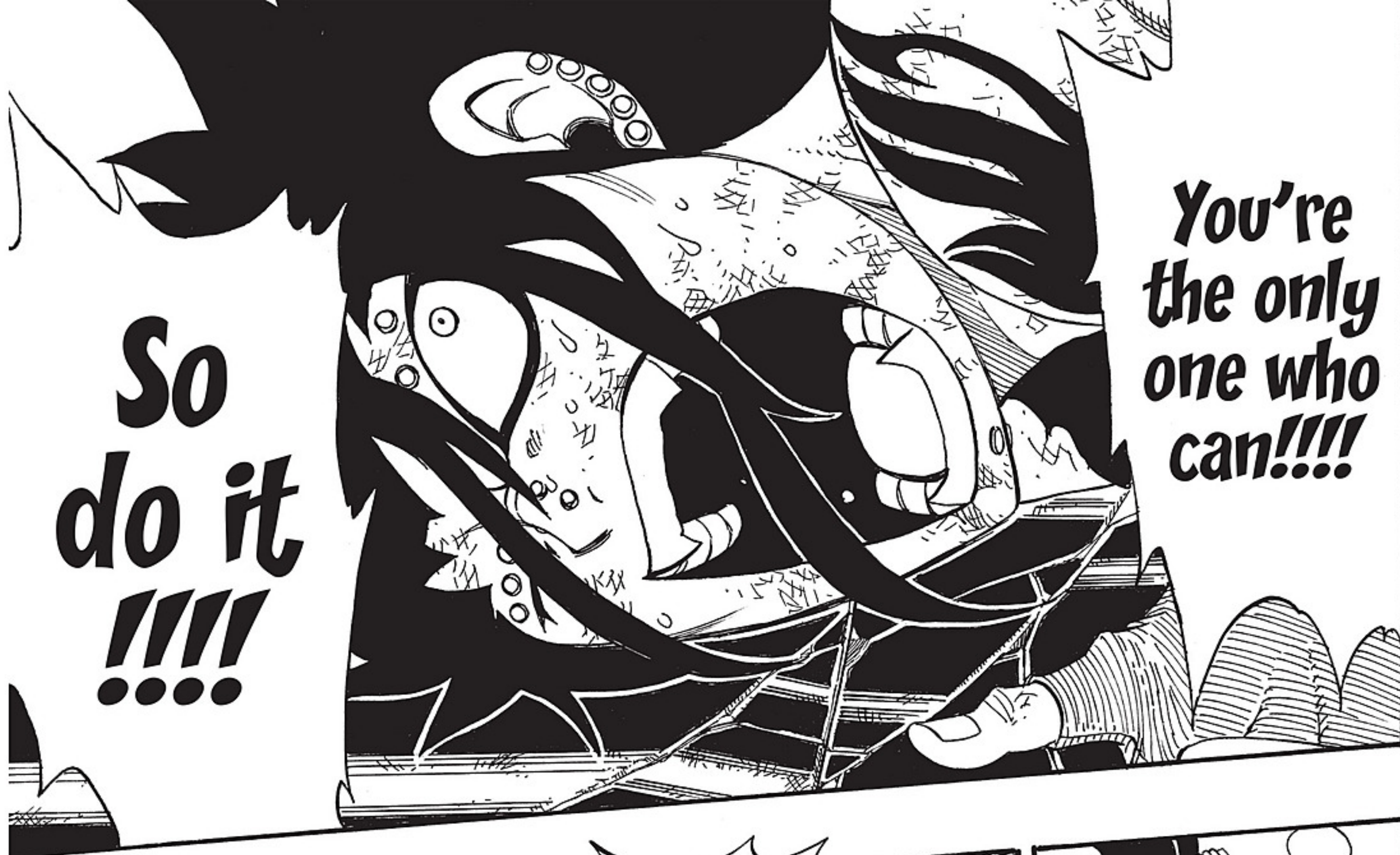


...is
take our
powers
and our
hopes...



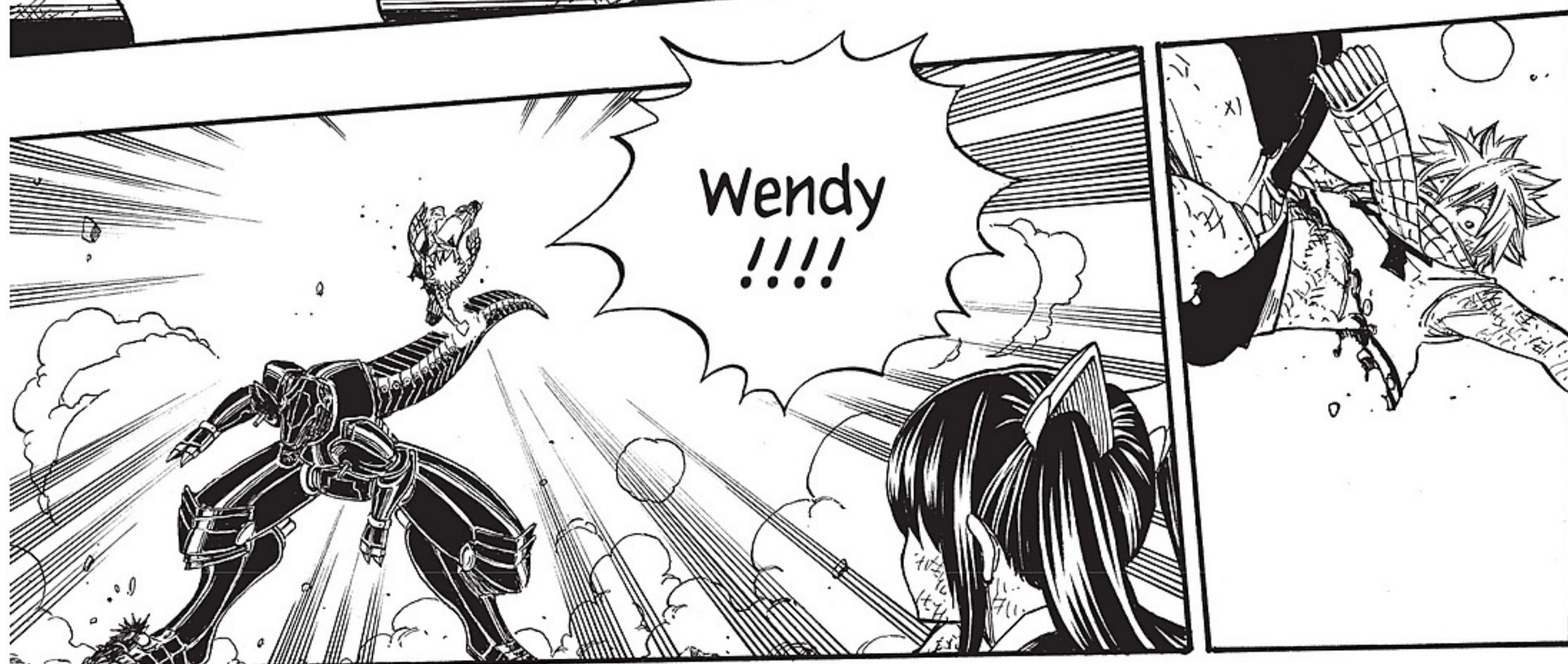
There ain't no
reason we gotta
combine our
powers!!!





**So
do it
!!!!**

**You're
the only
one who
can!!!!**



**Wendy
!!!!**



**Stand
up!!!!**

What?

**Roar at
me!!!!**

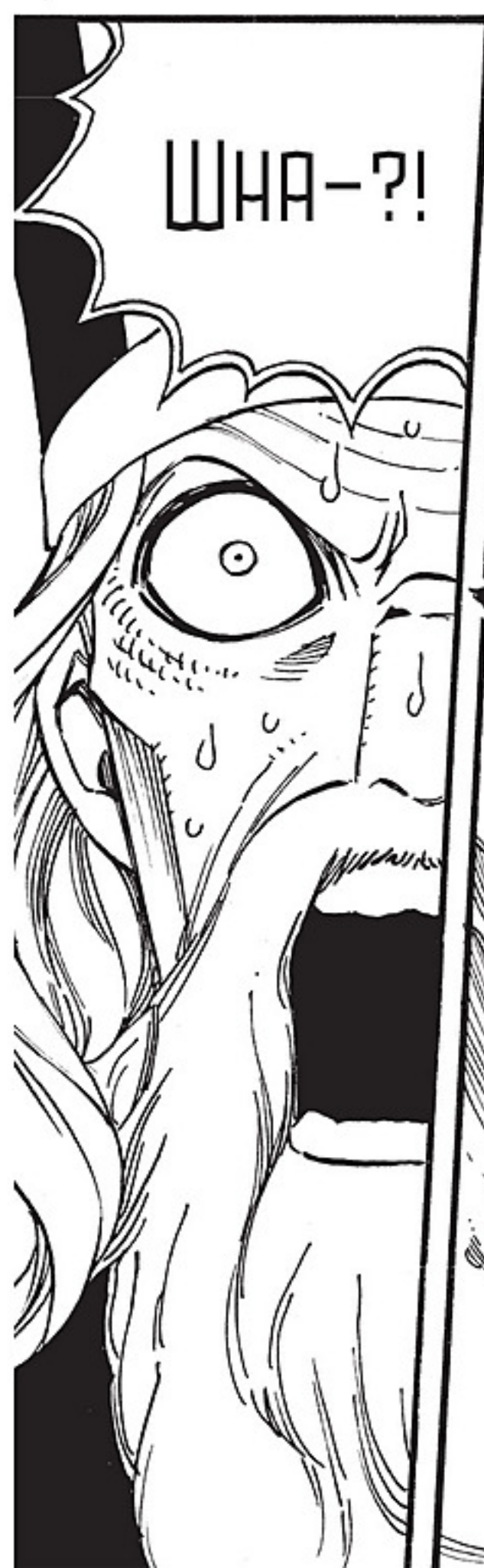
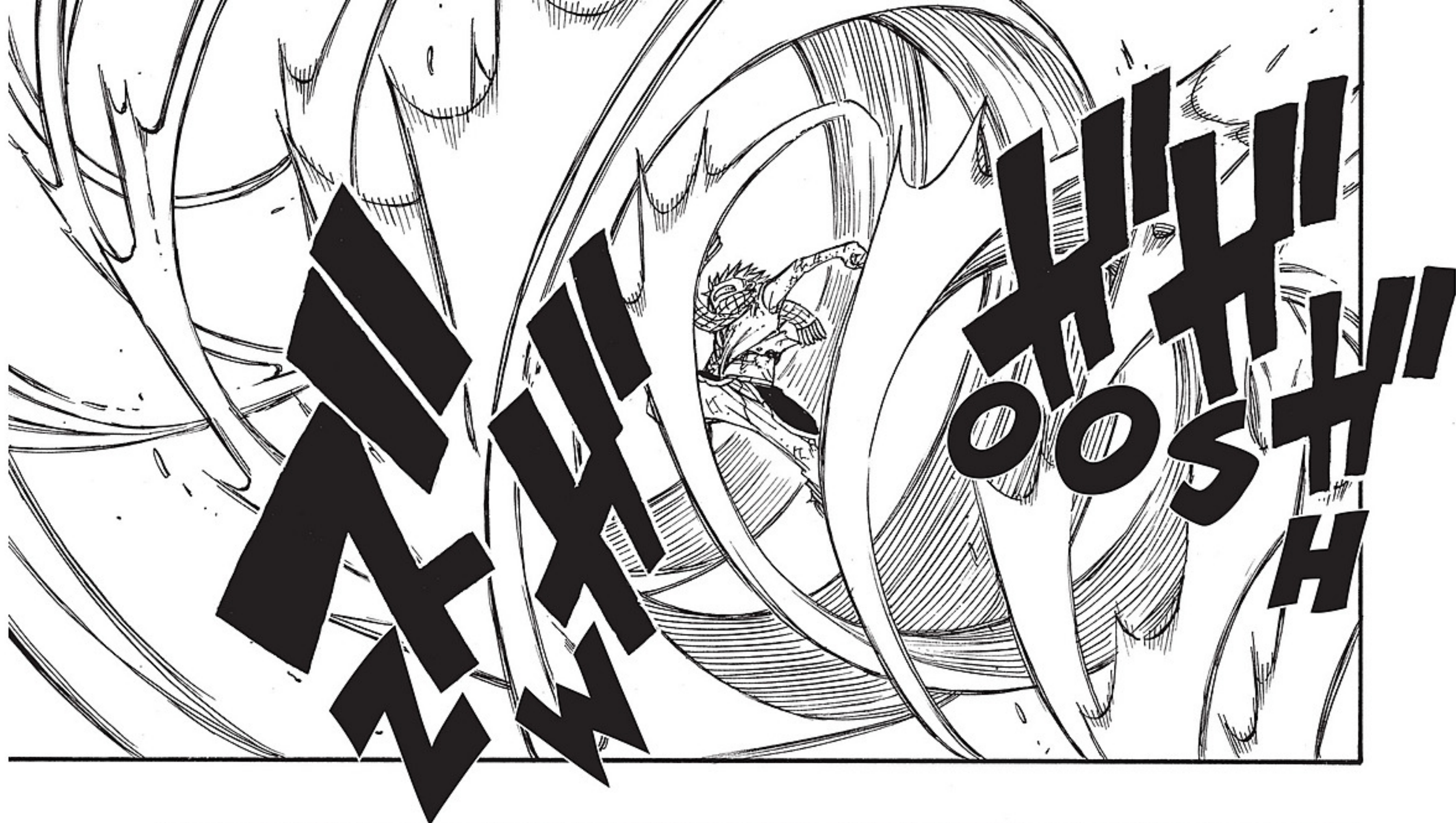


*I believe
in Natsu-
san!!!!*



*Sky Dragon's Roar







**Waaa-
aahhh
!!**

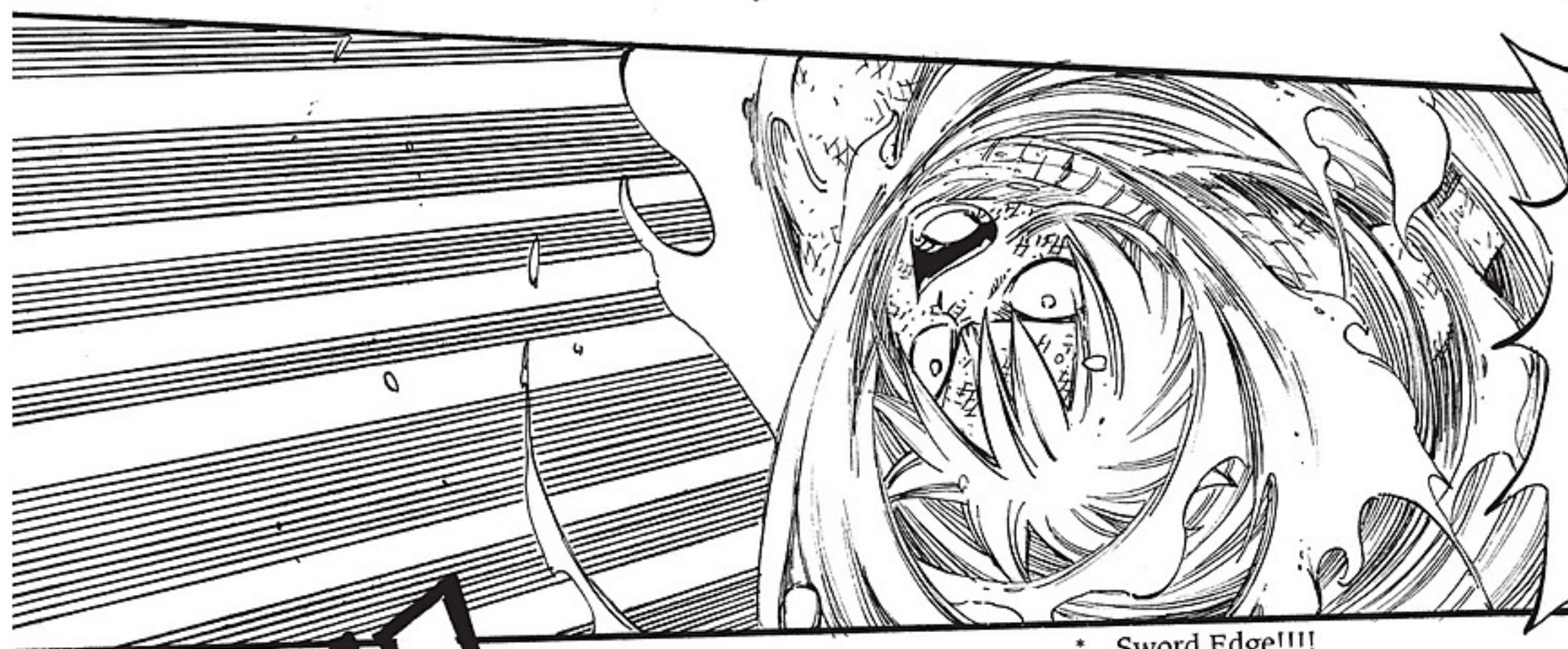
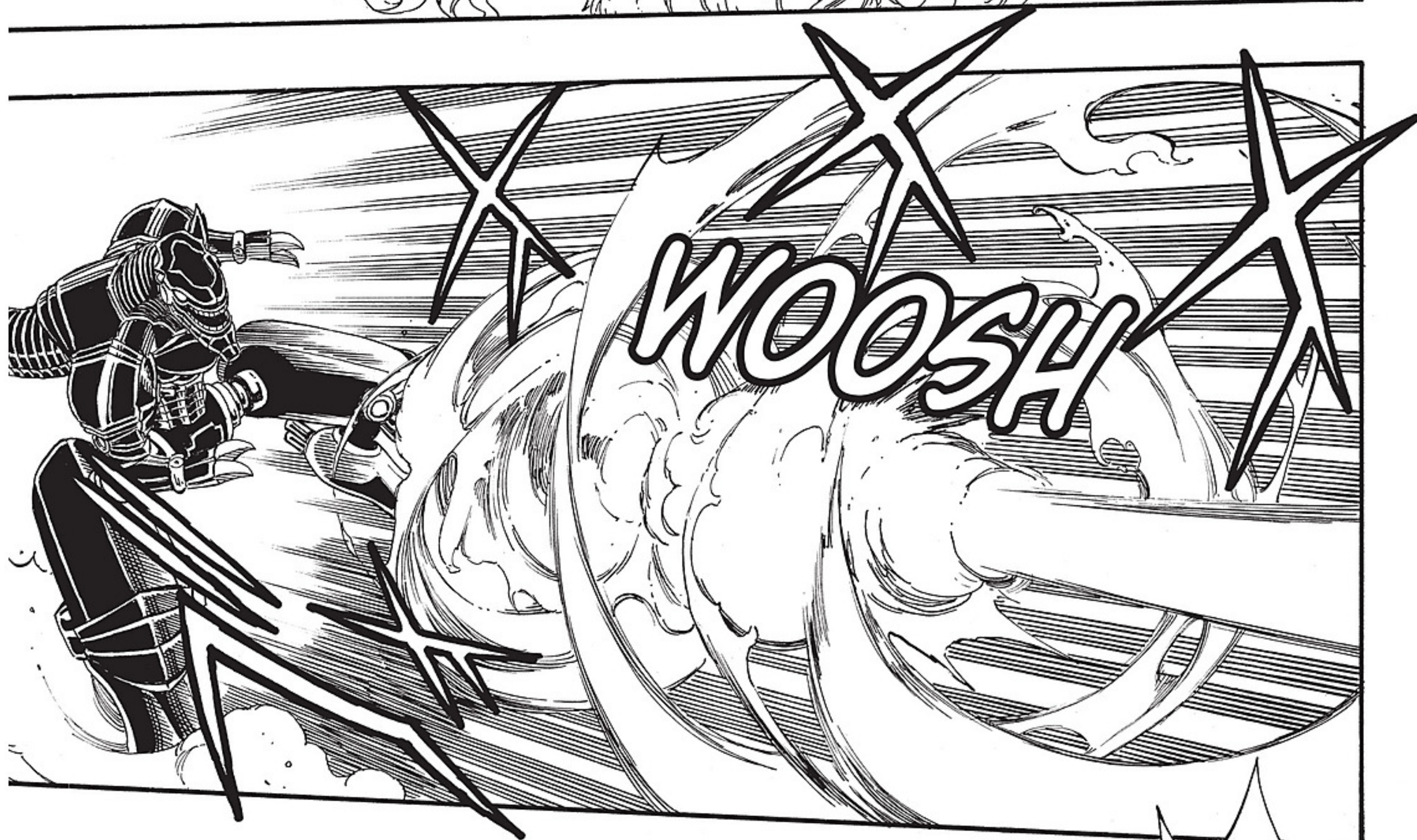
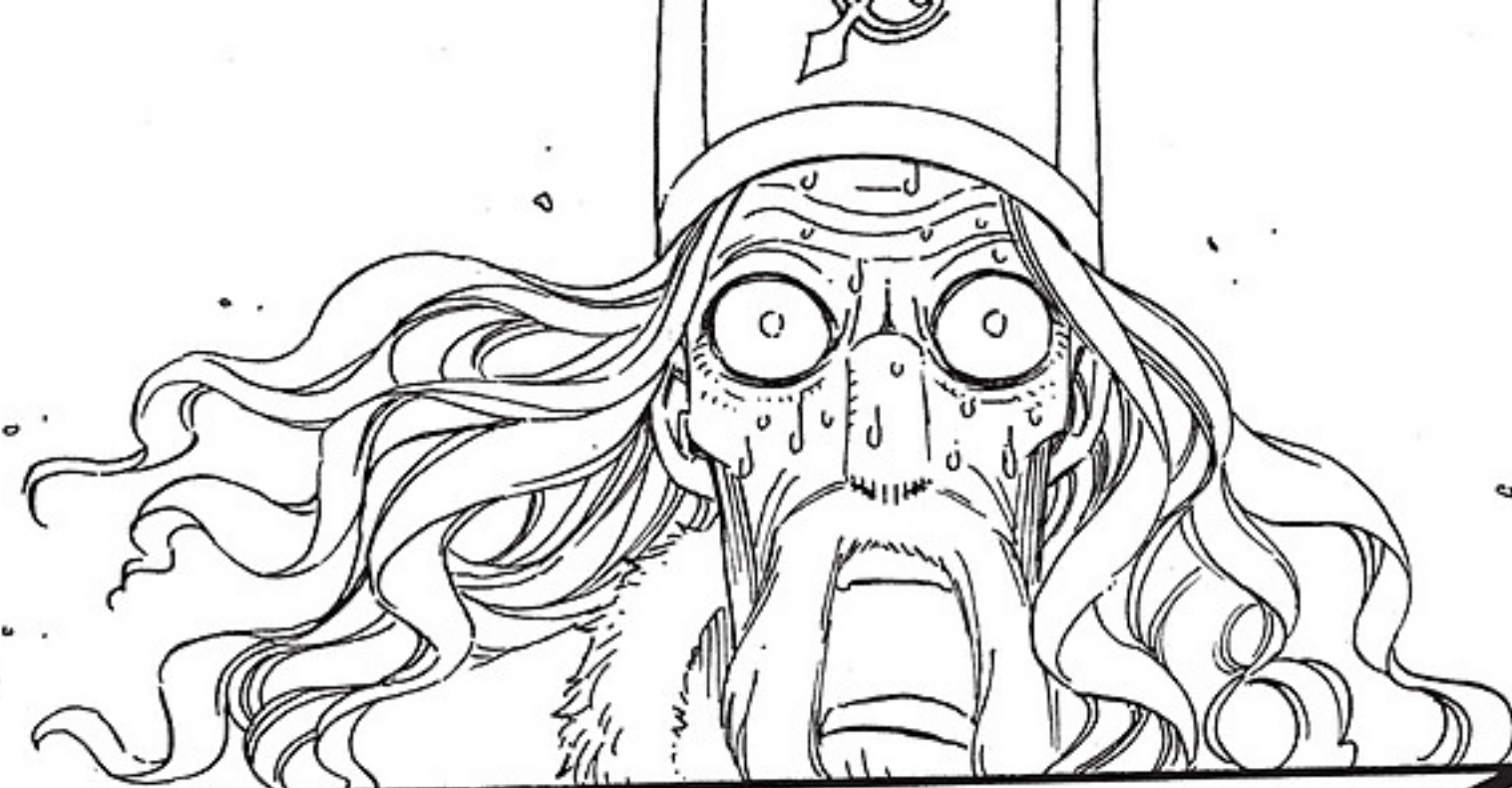
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NO*...**

**Uwoo-
ohhhh
!!**

**Fire Dragon's...*

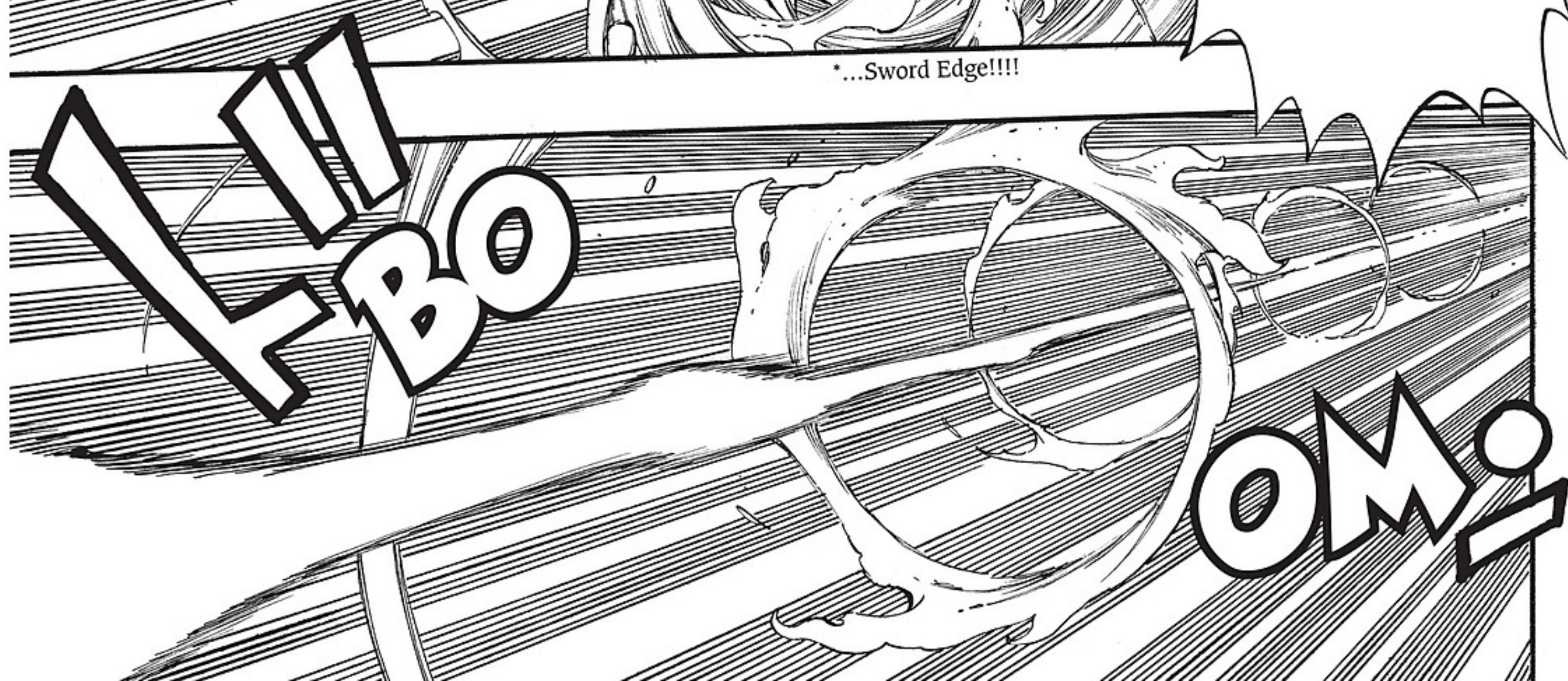
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kind of
dream...?

Is this...

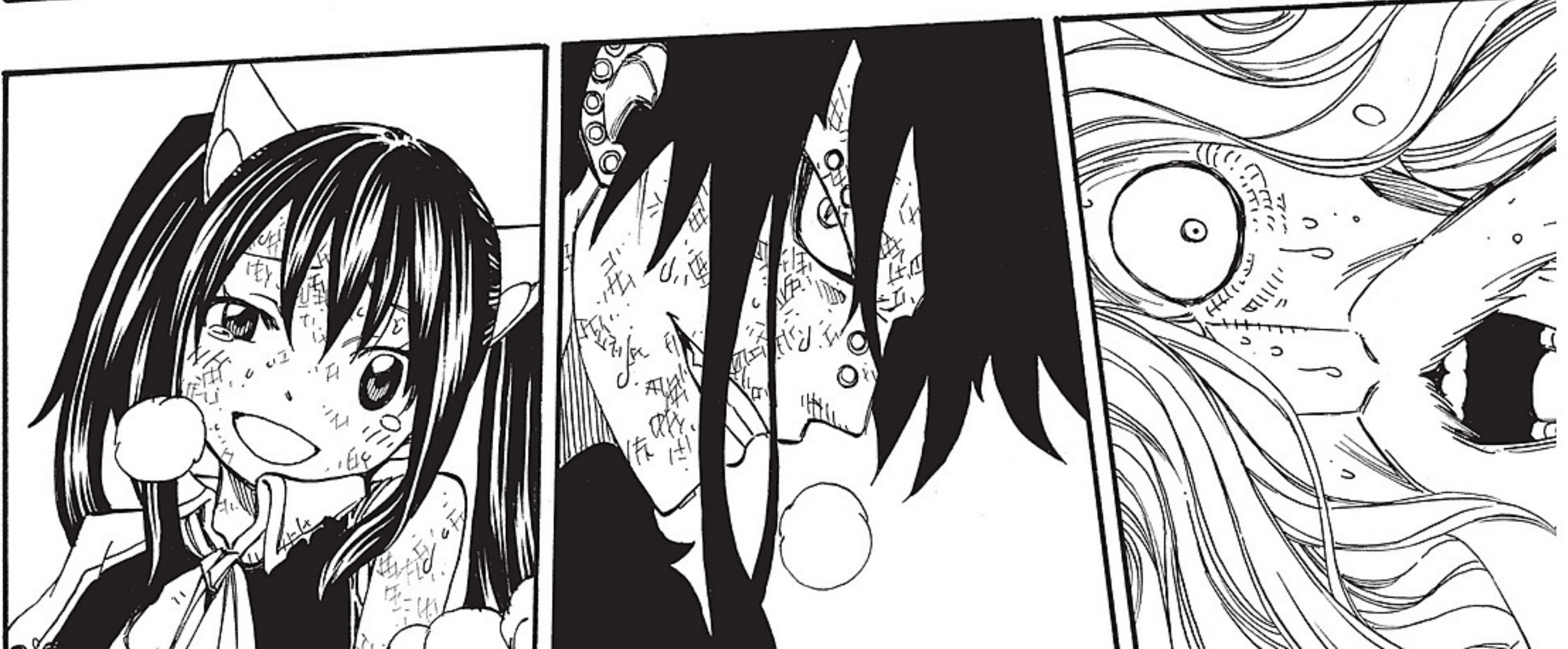
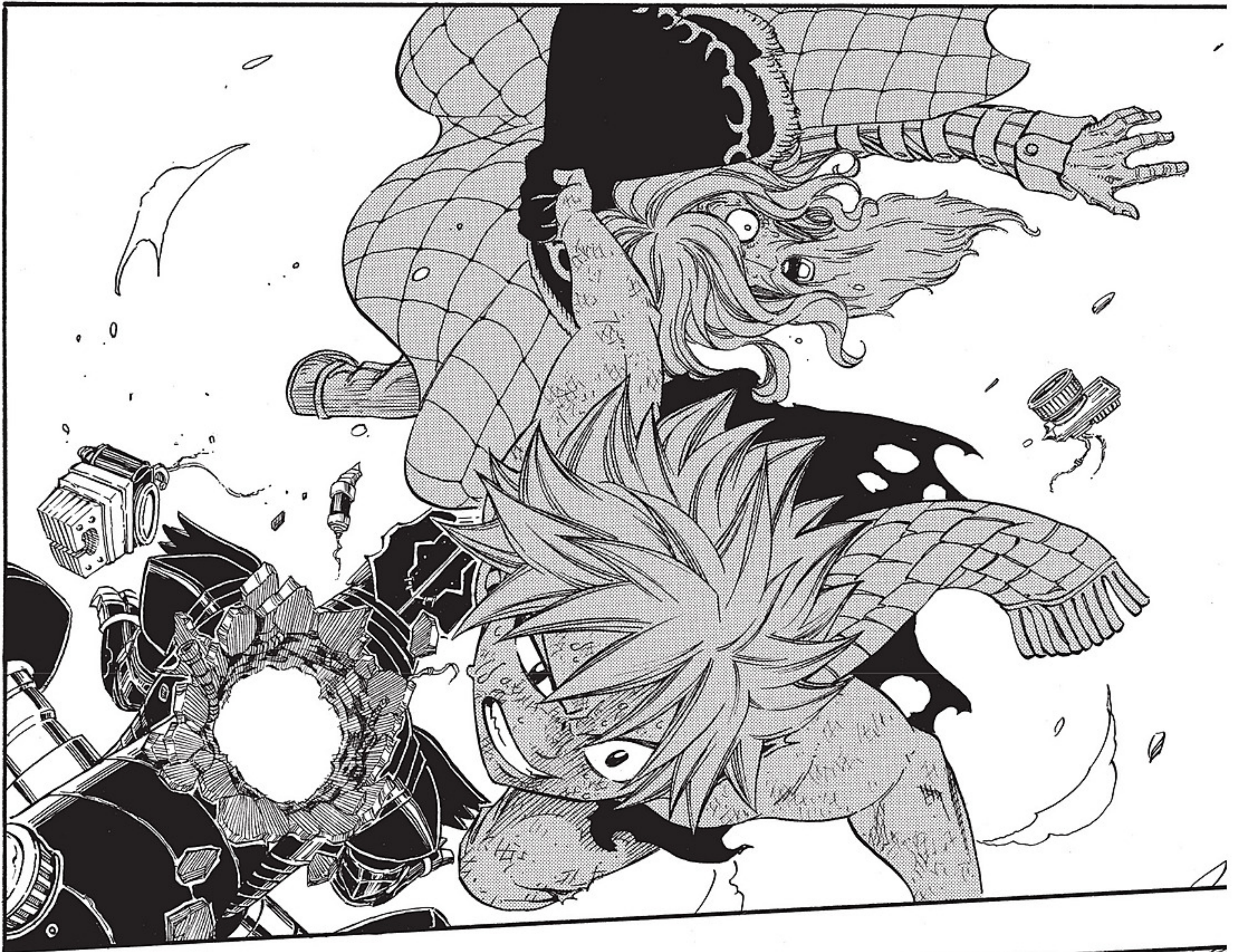
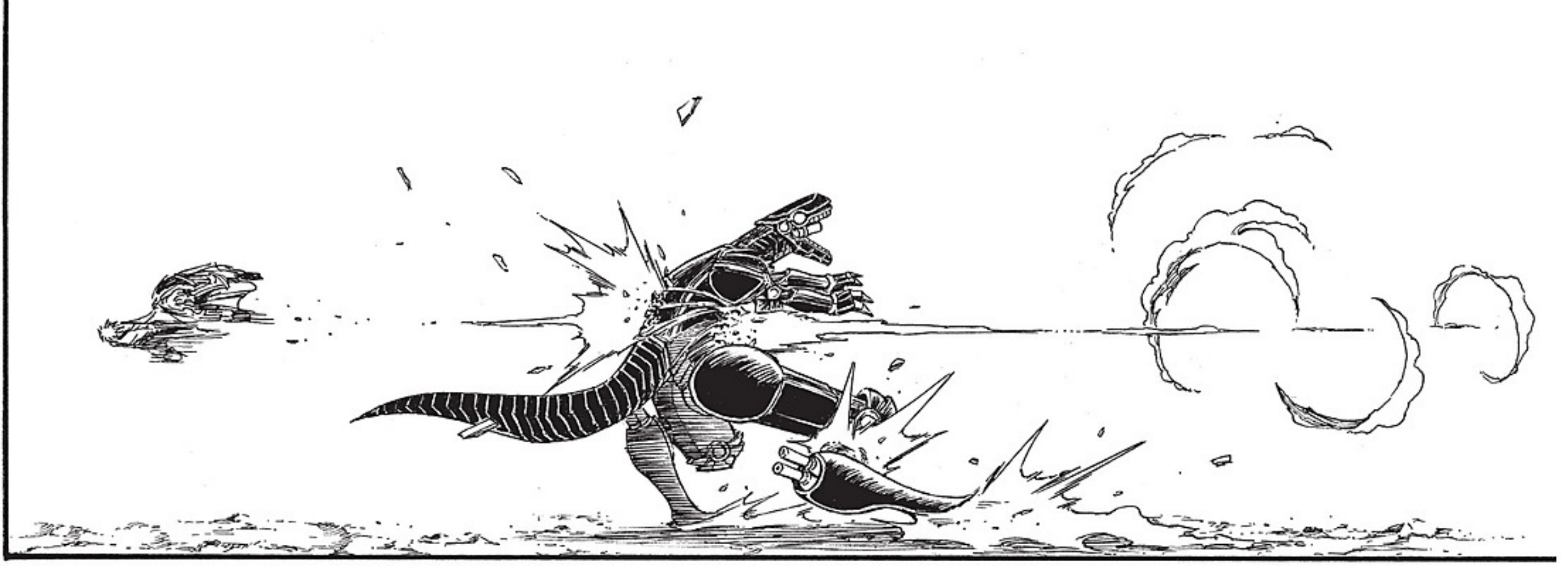


KENKÄKU*
!!!!

*...Sword Edge!!!!



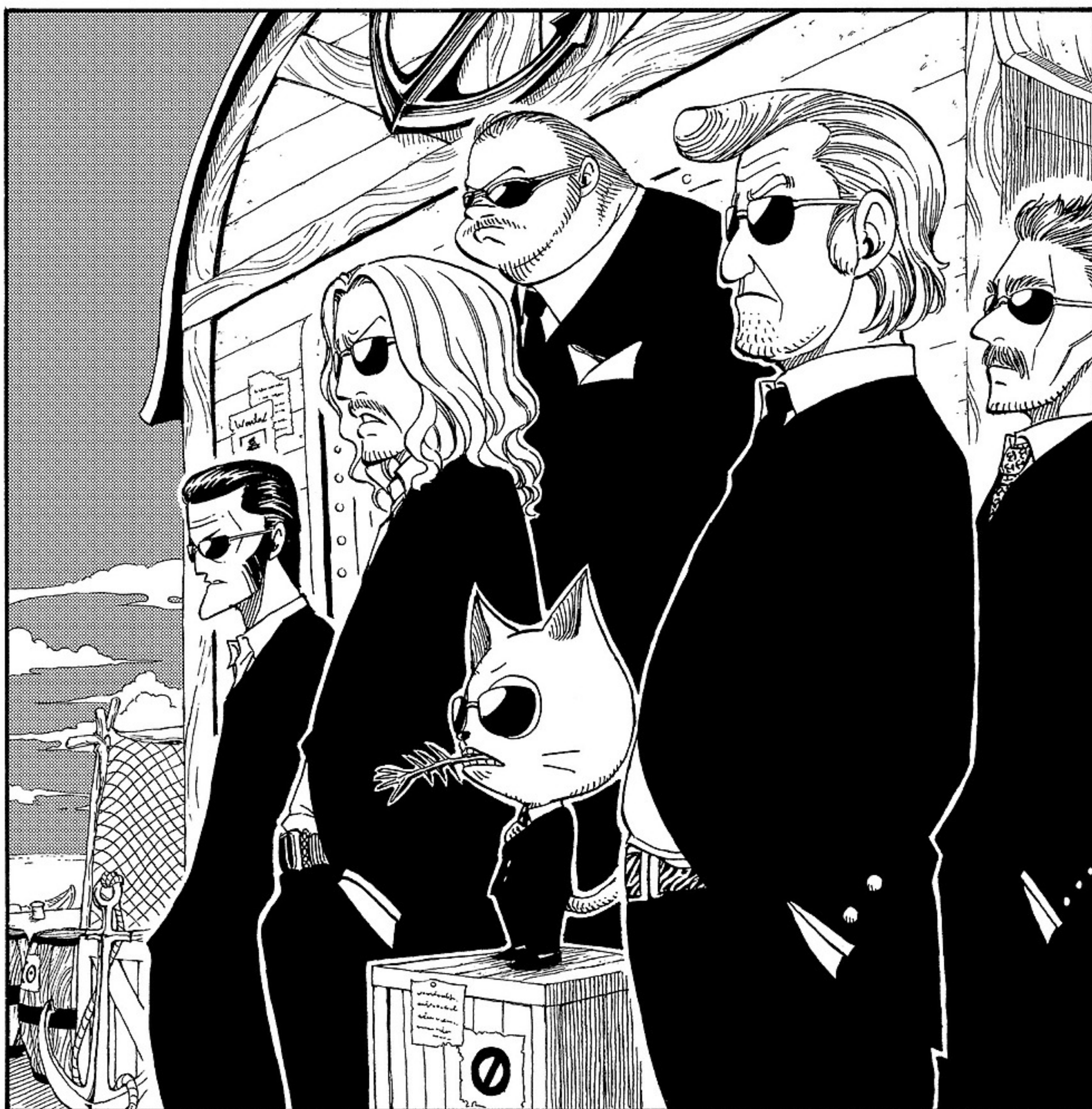


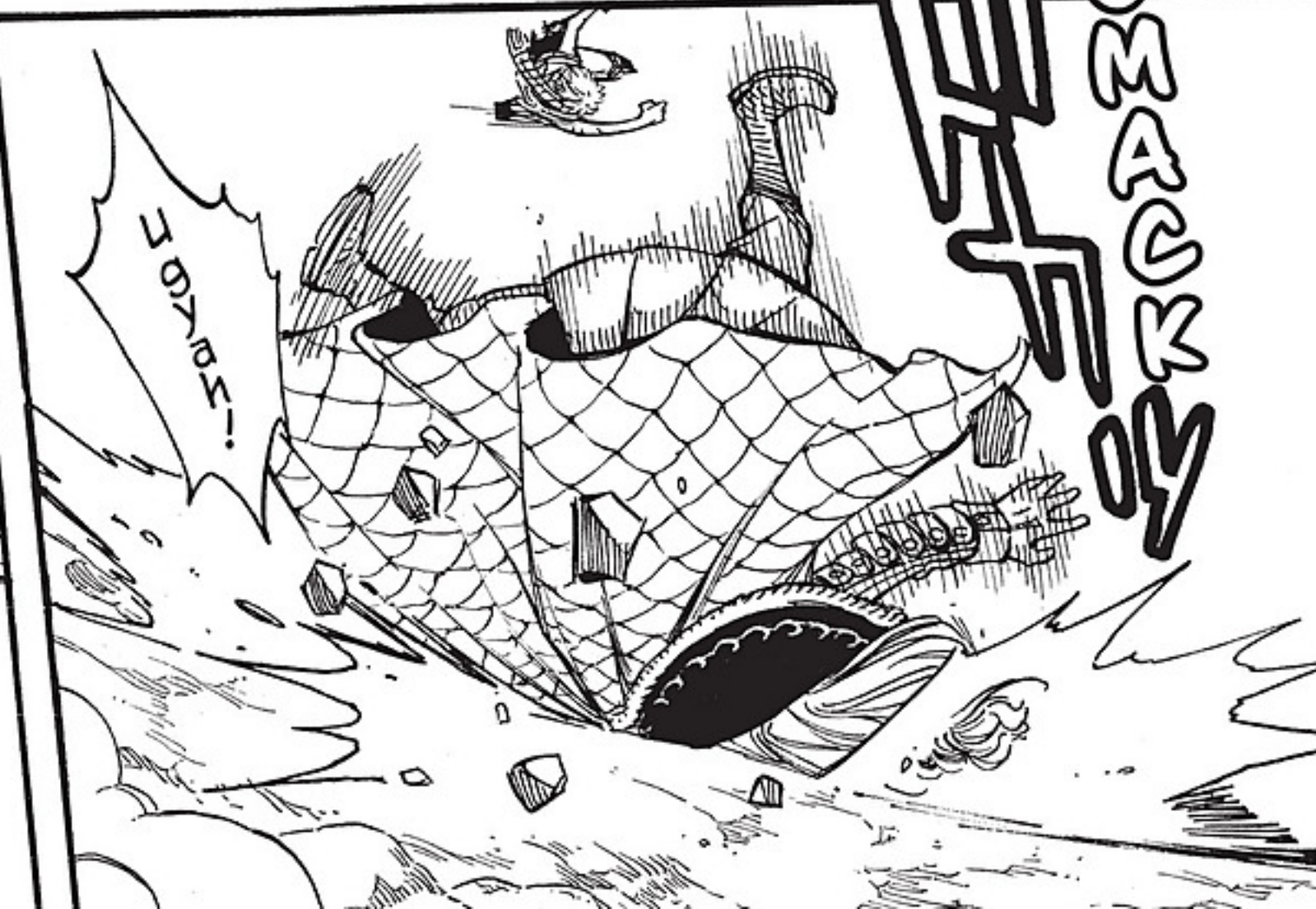
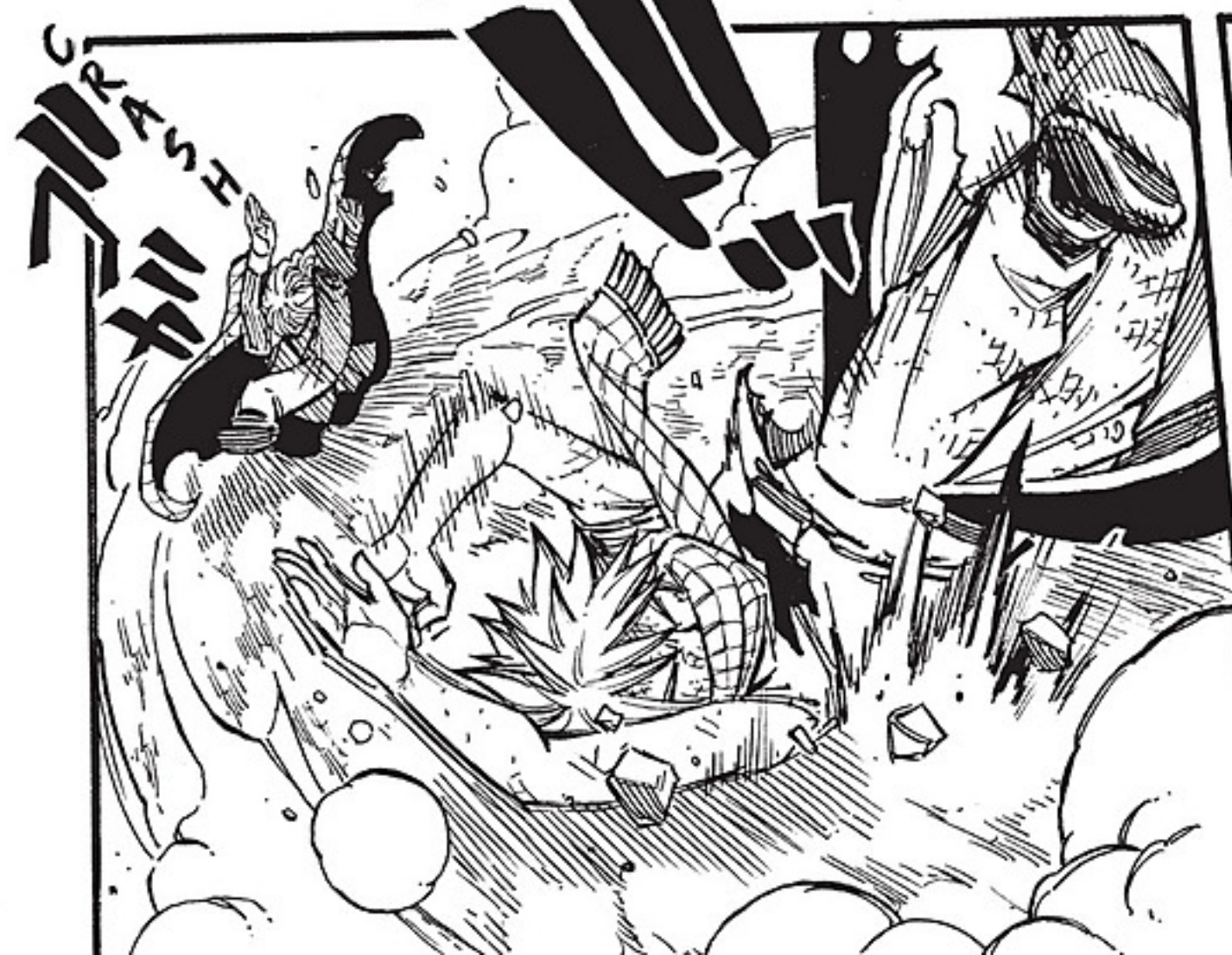
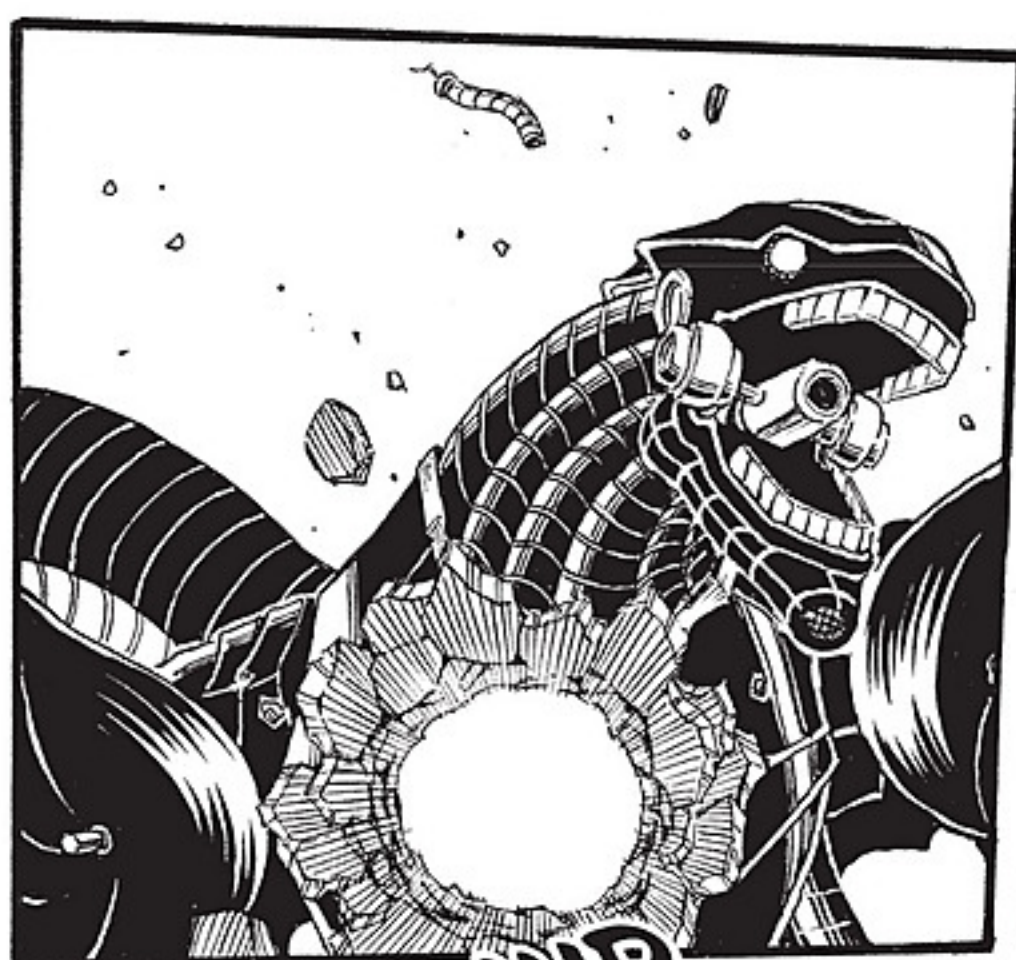
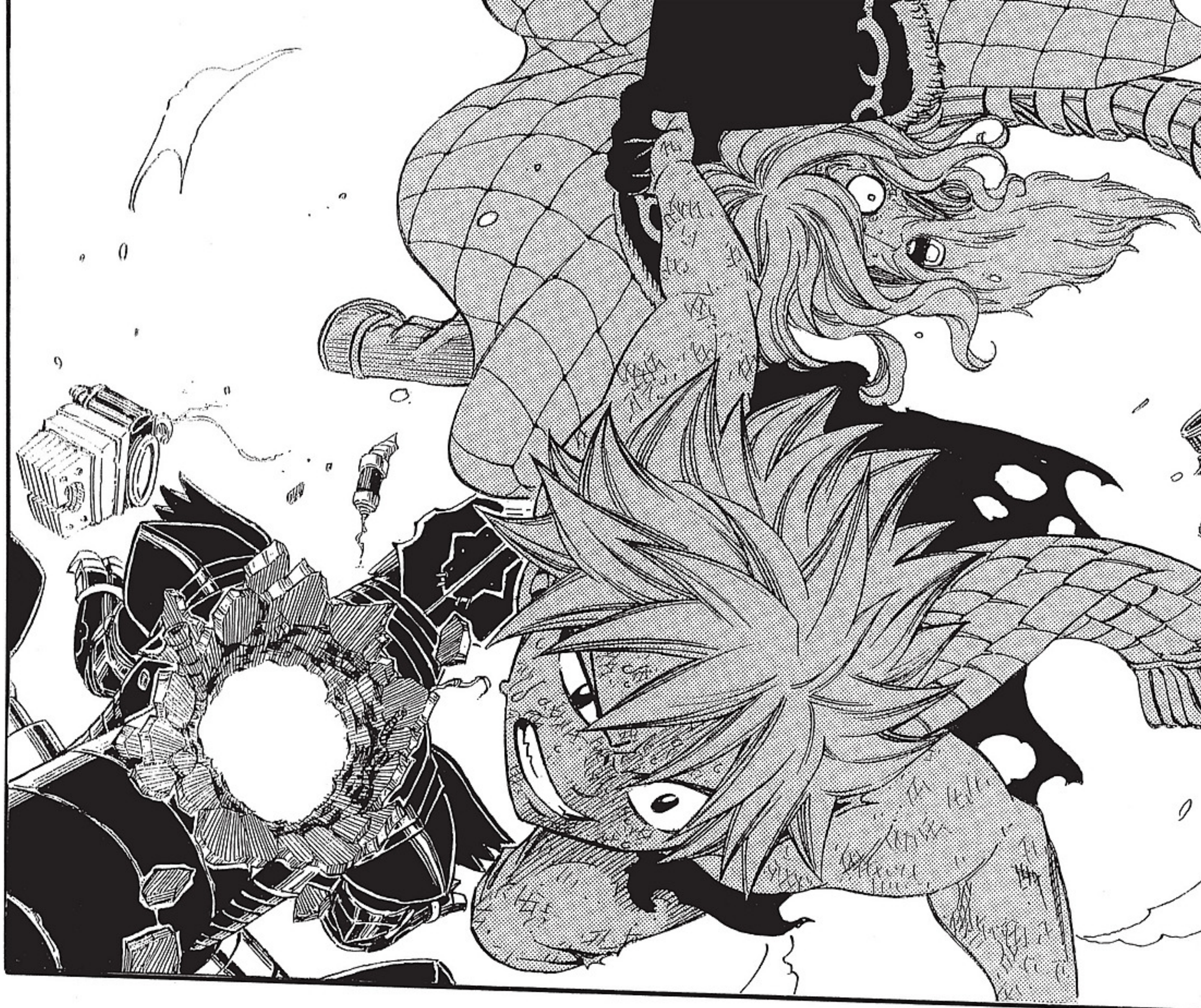


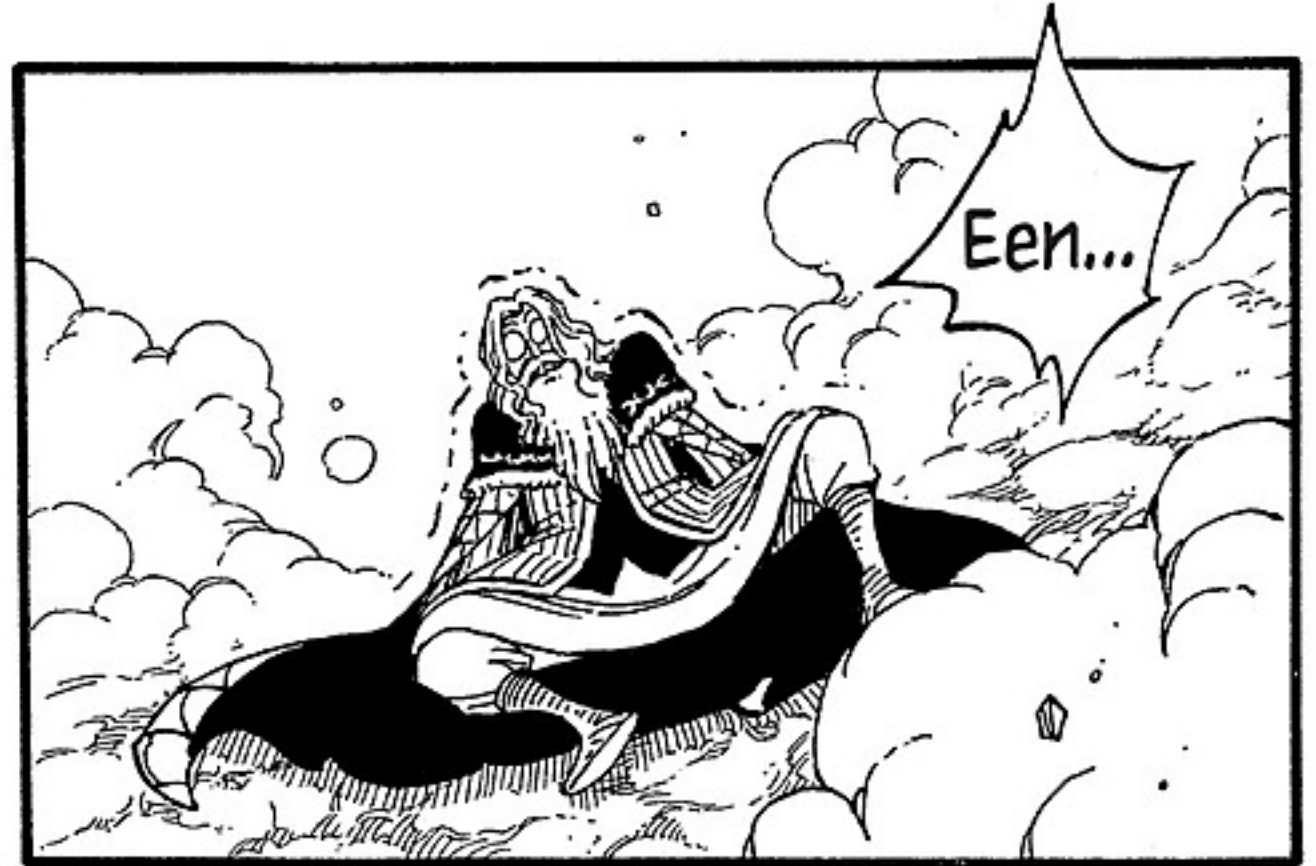
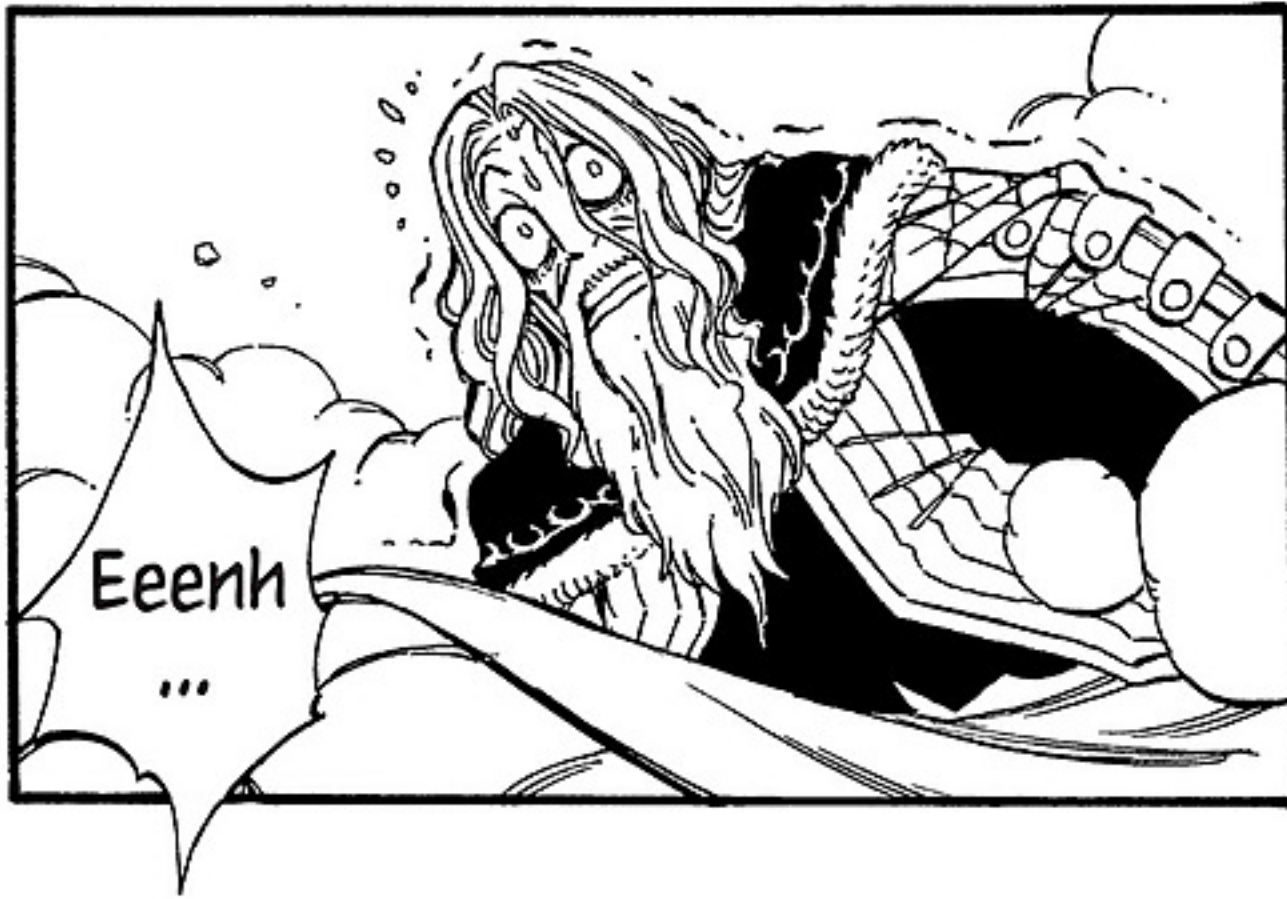
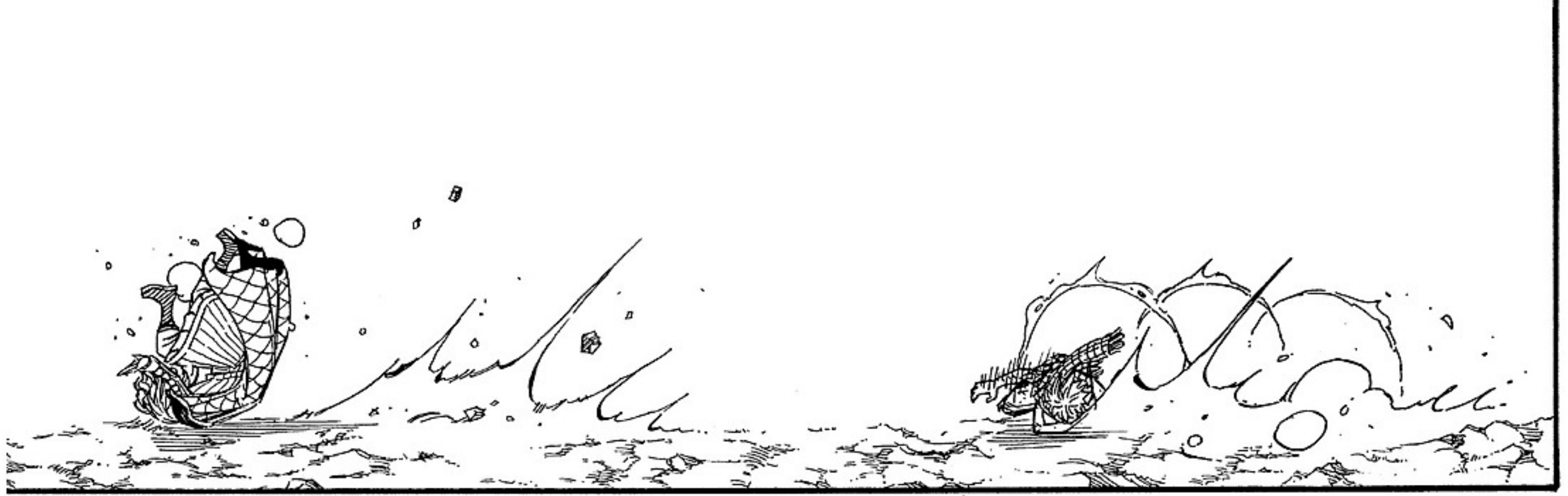
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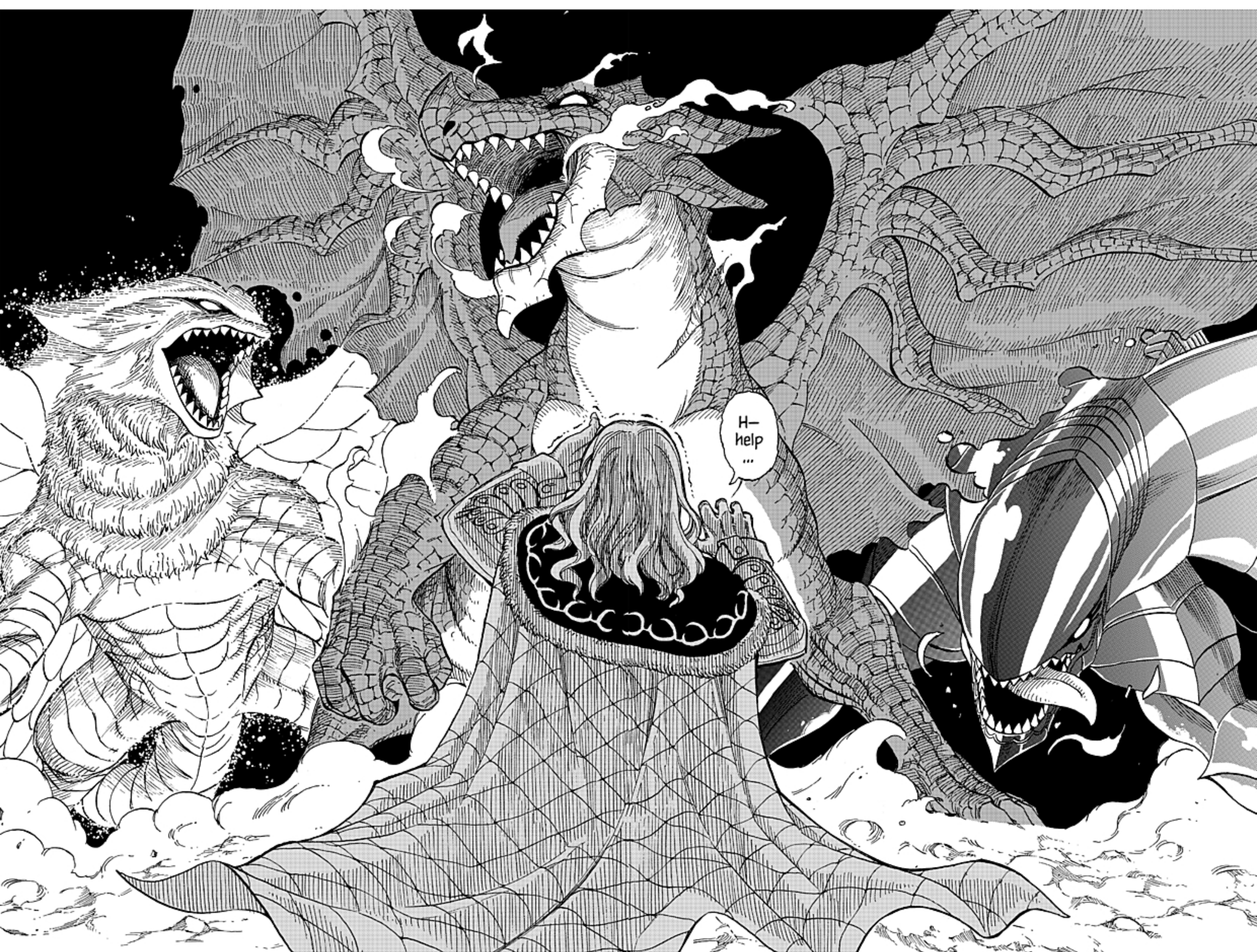
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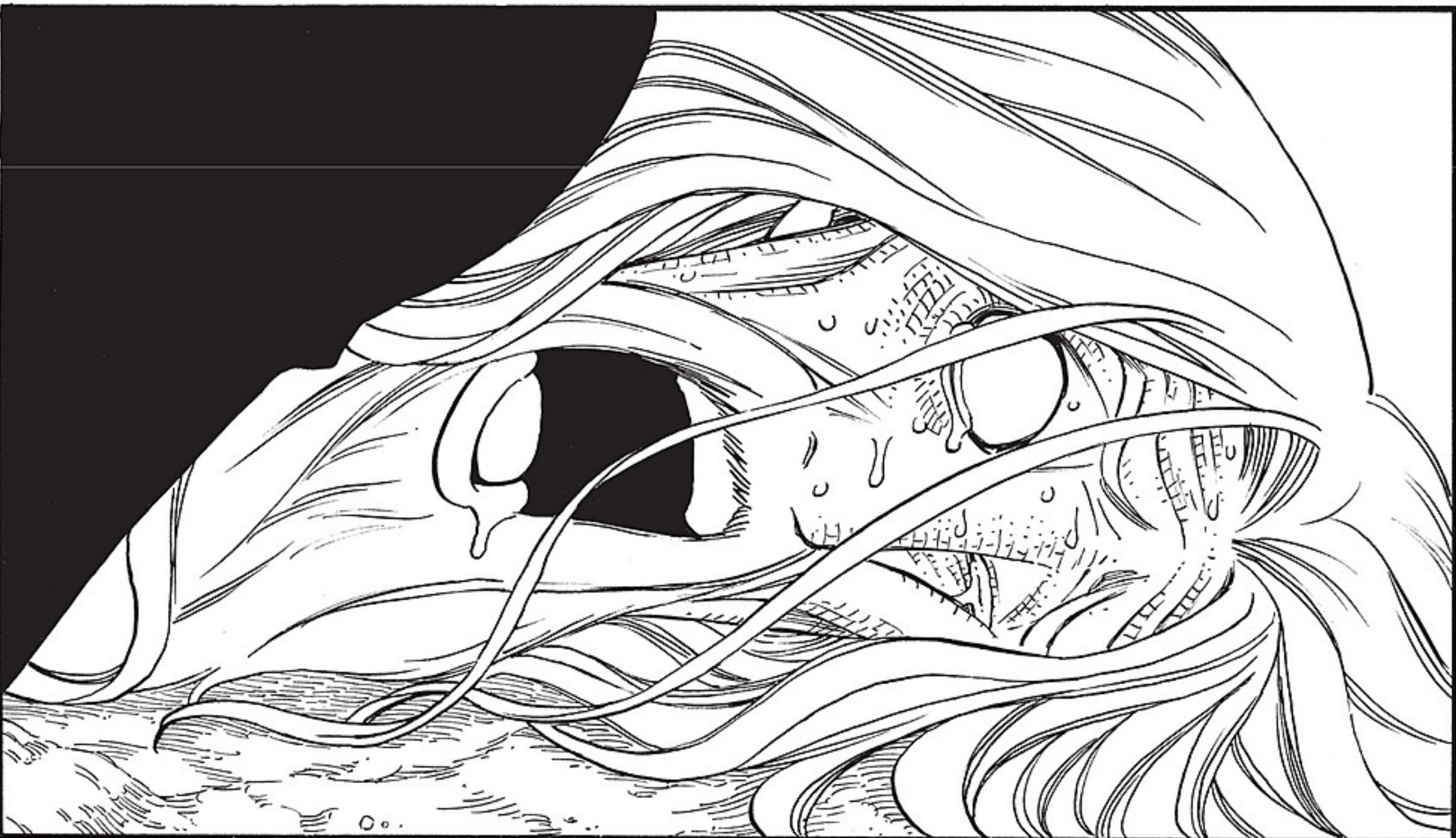
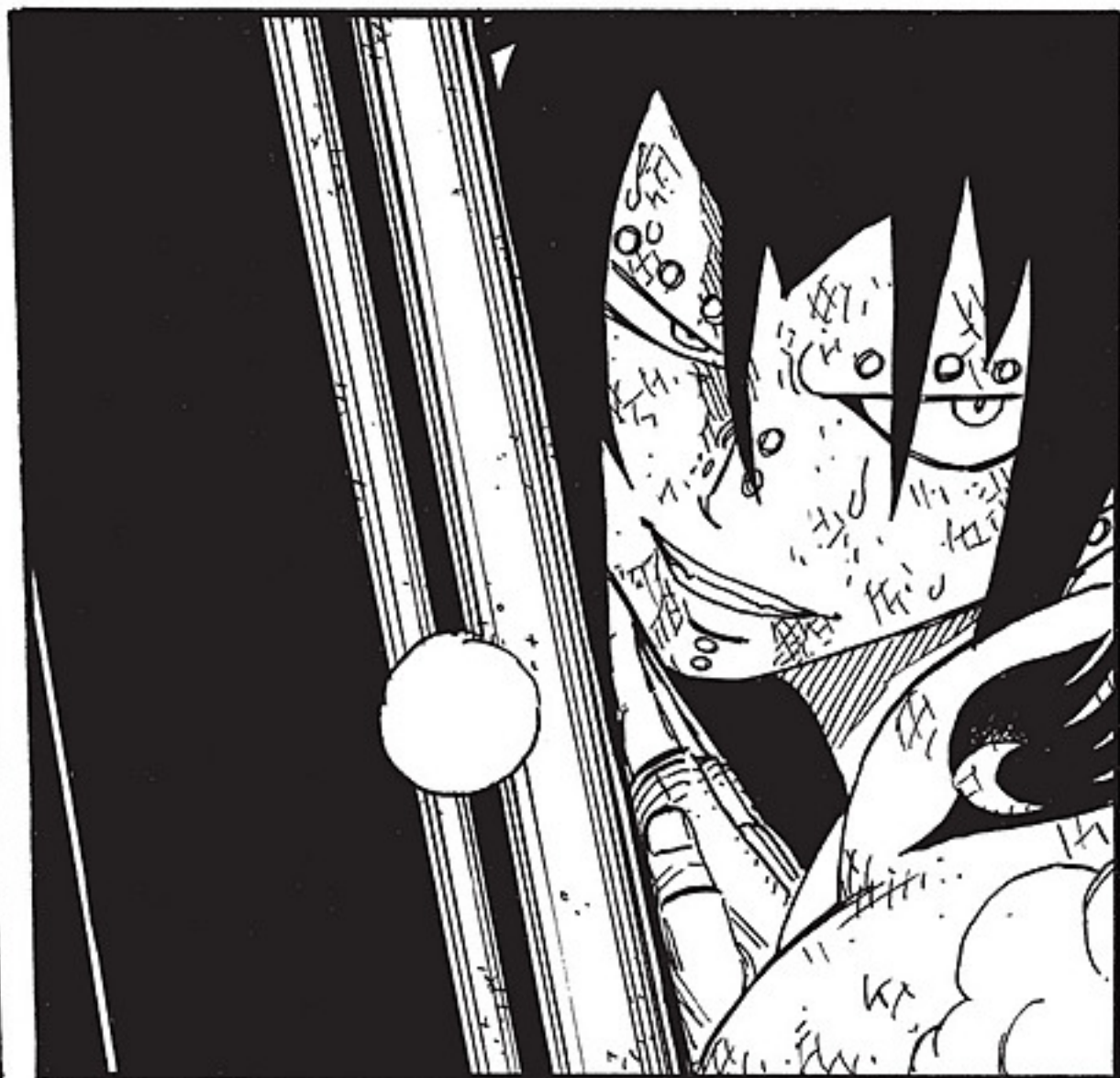
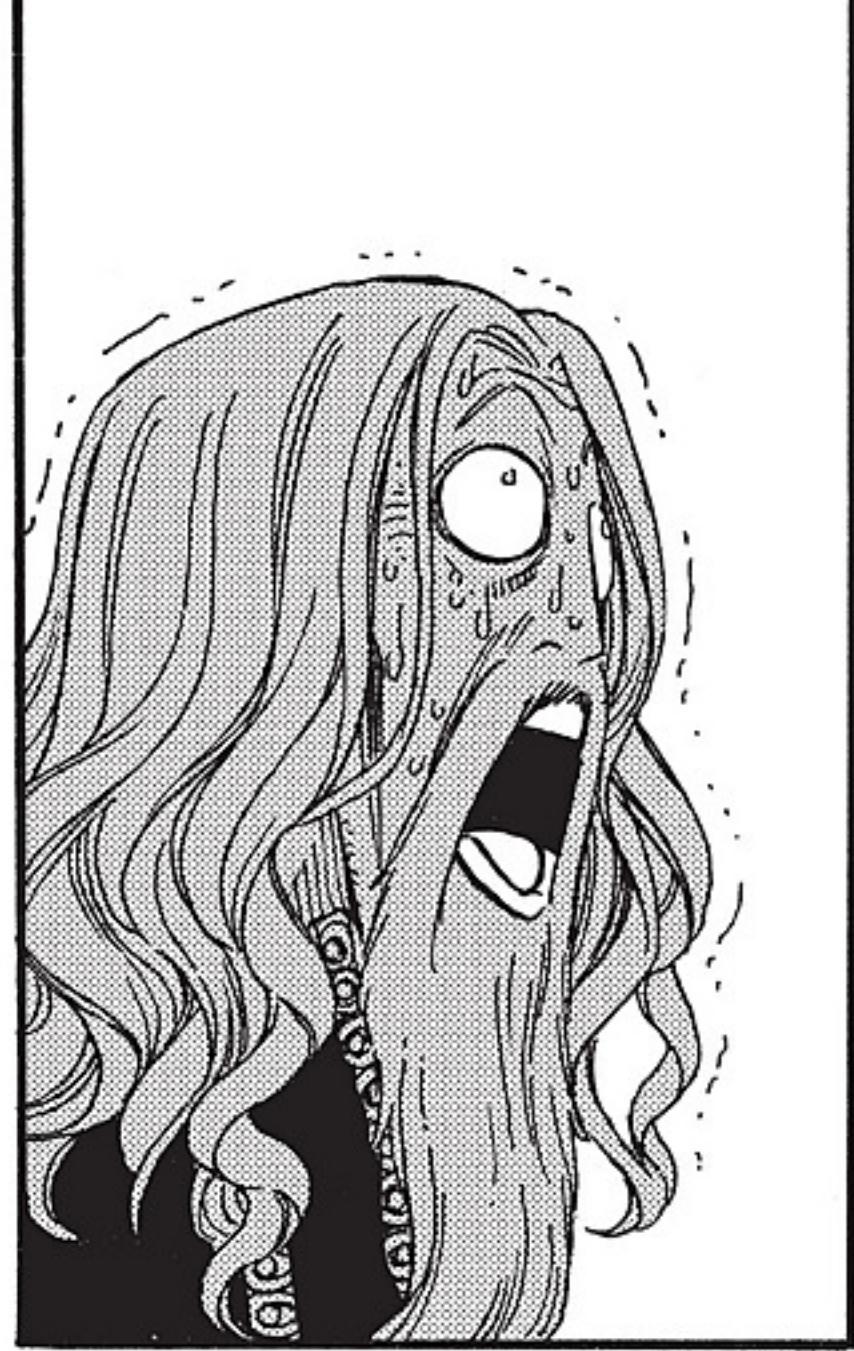
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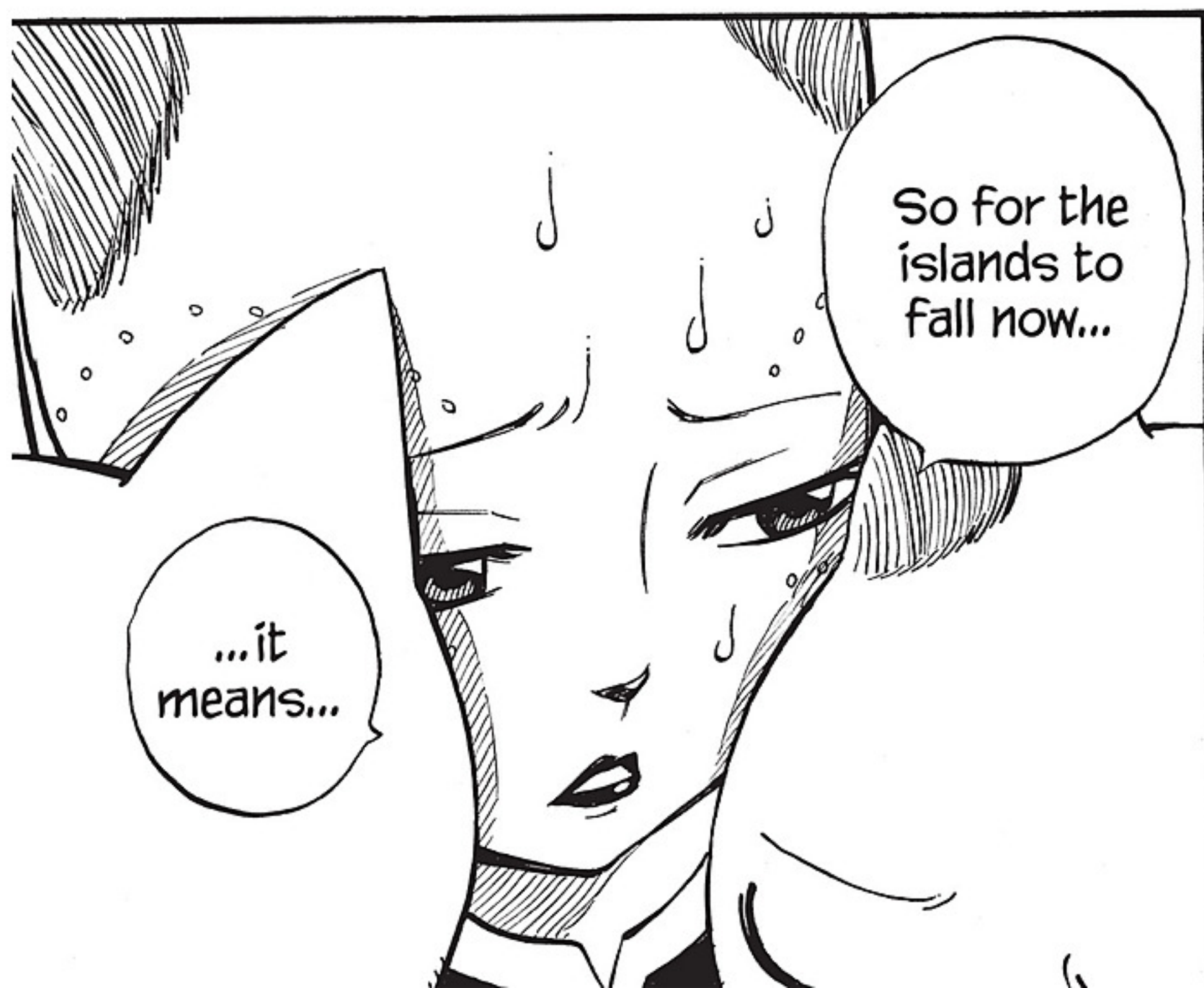
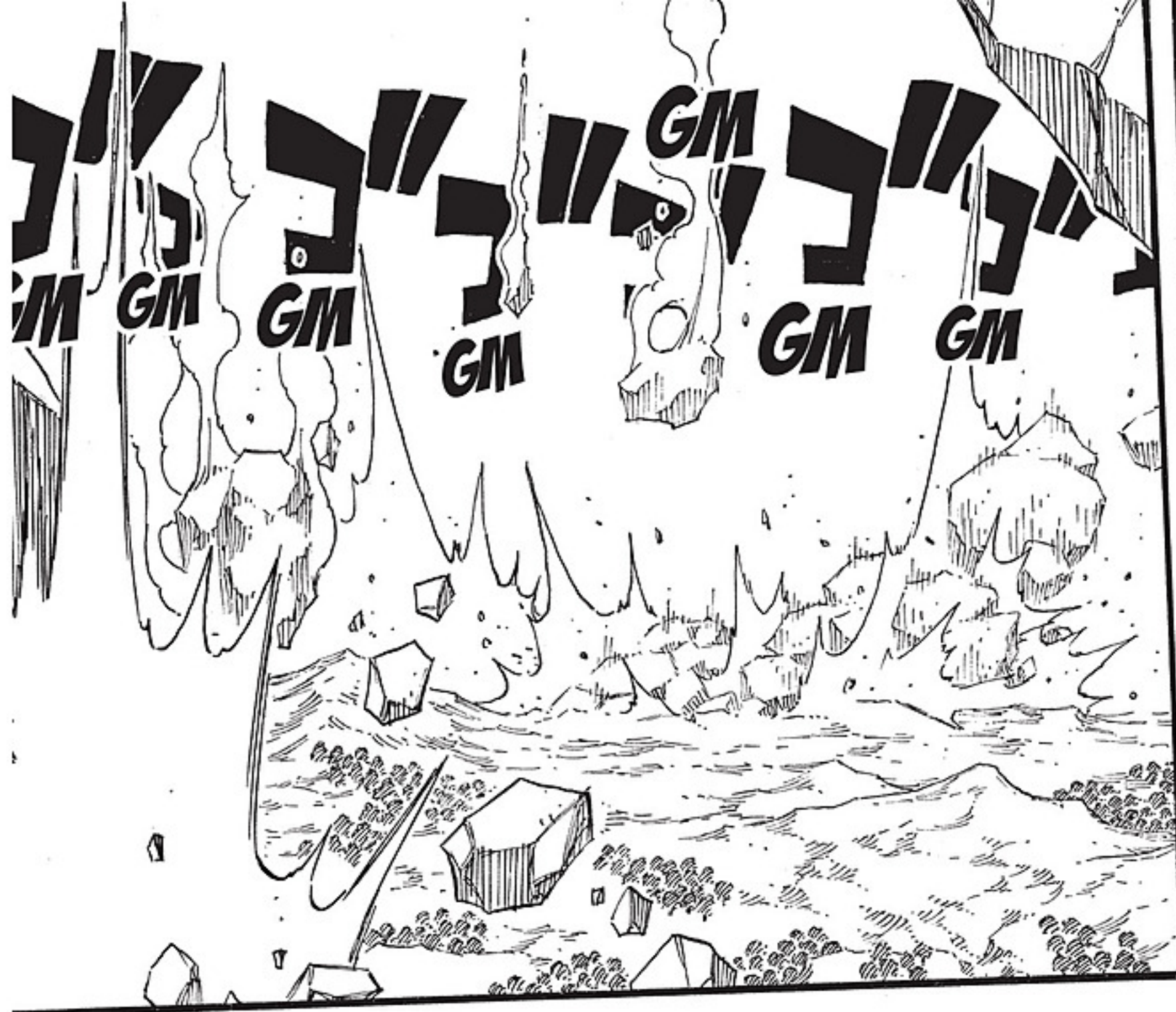














...that
magic is
vanishing
from this
world.

GWOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

GYAN

GYAN

GYAN

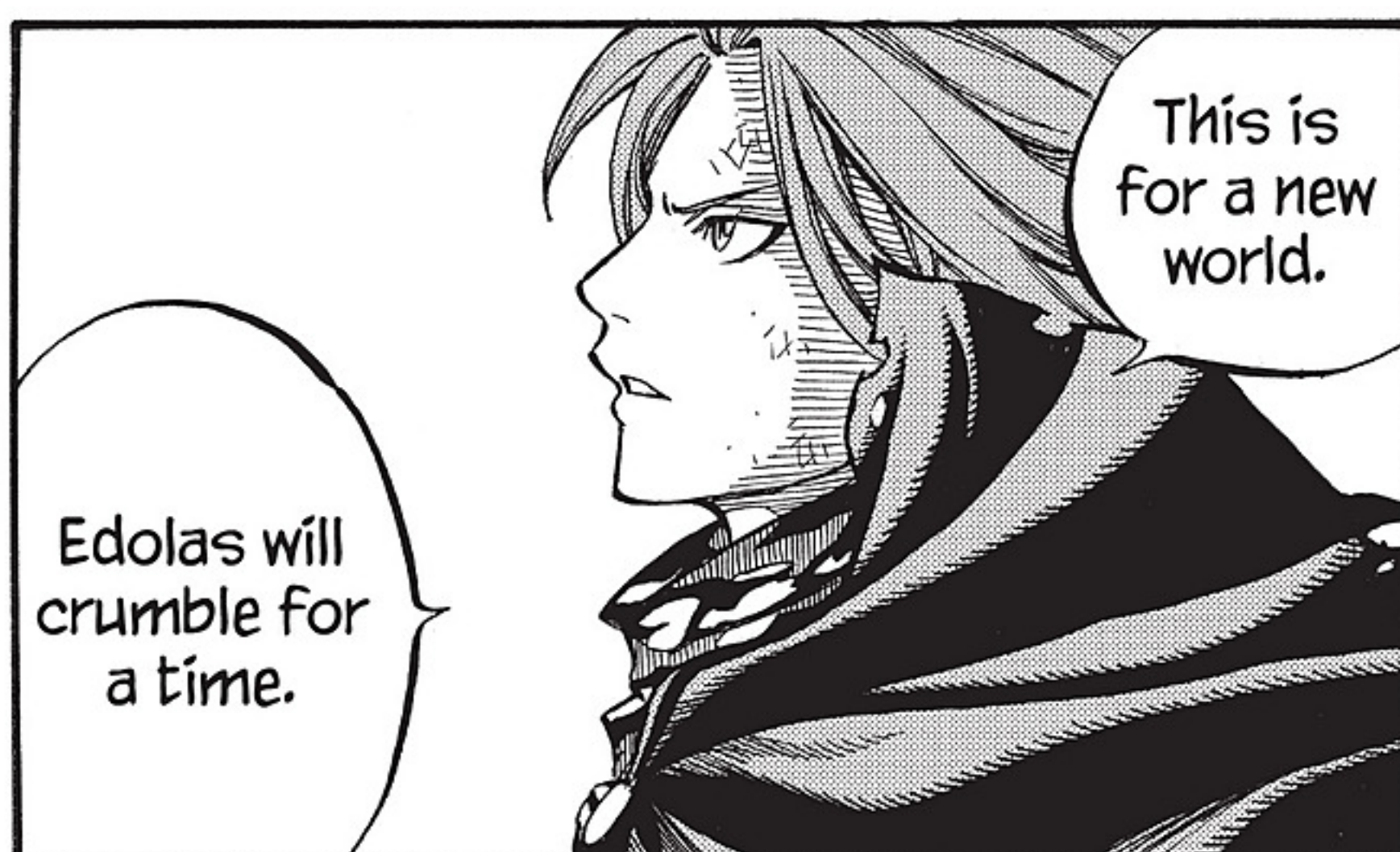
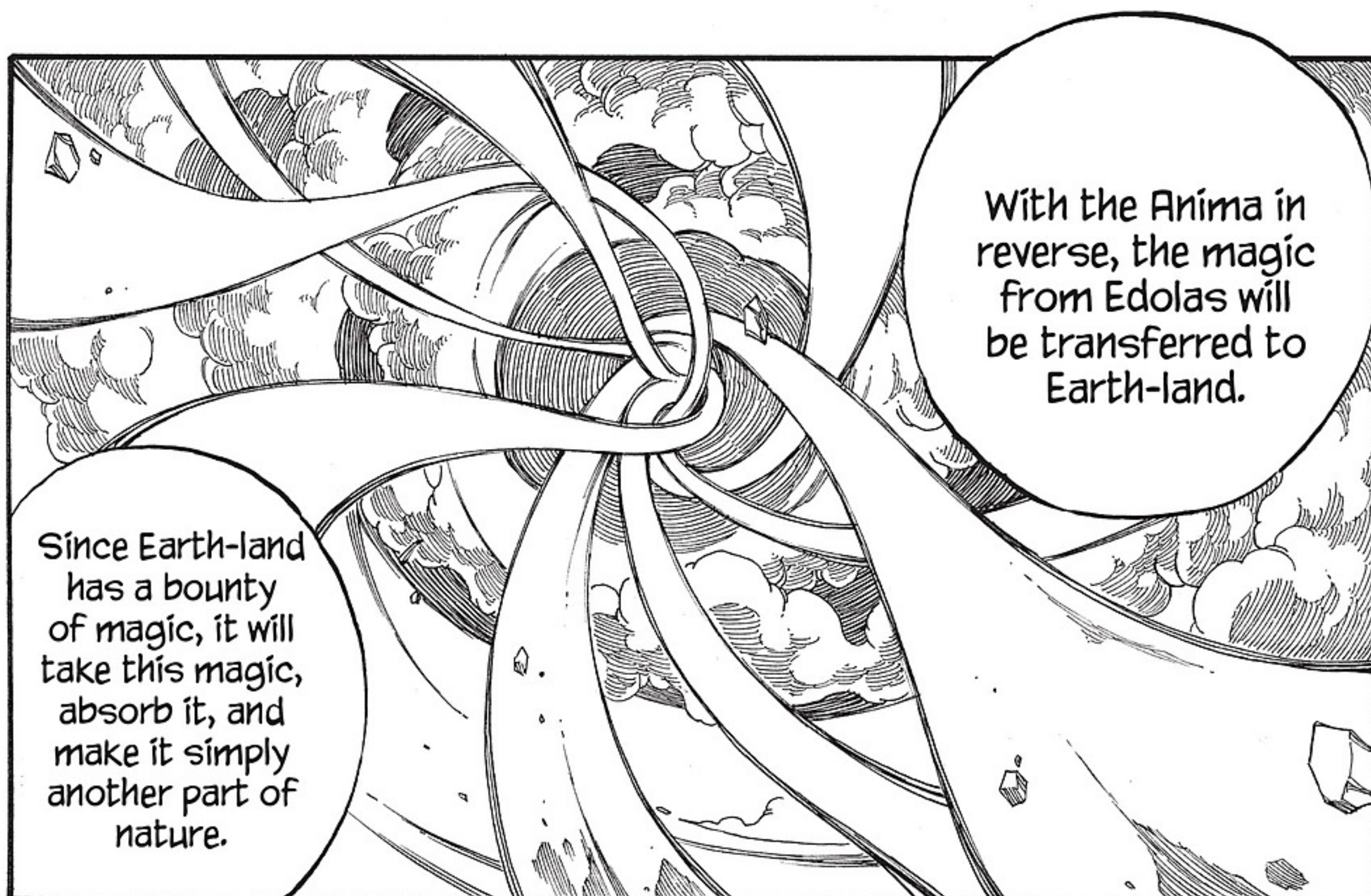
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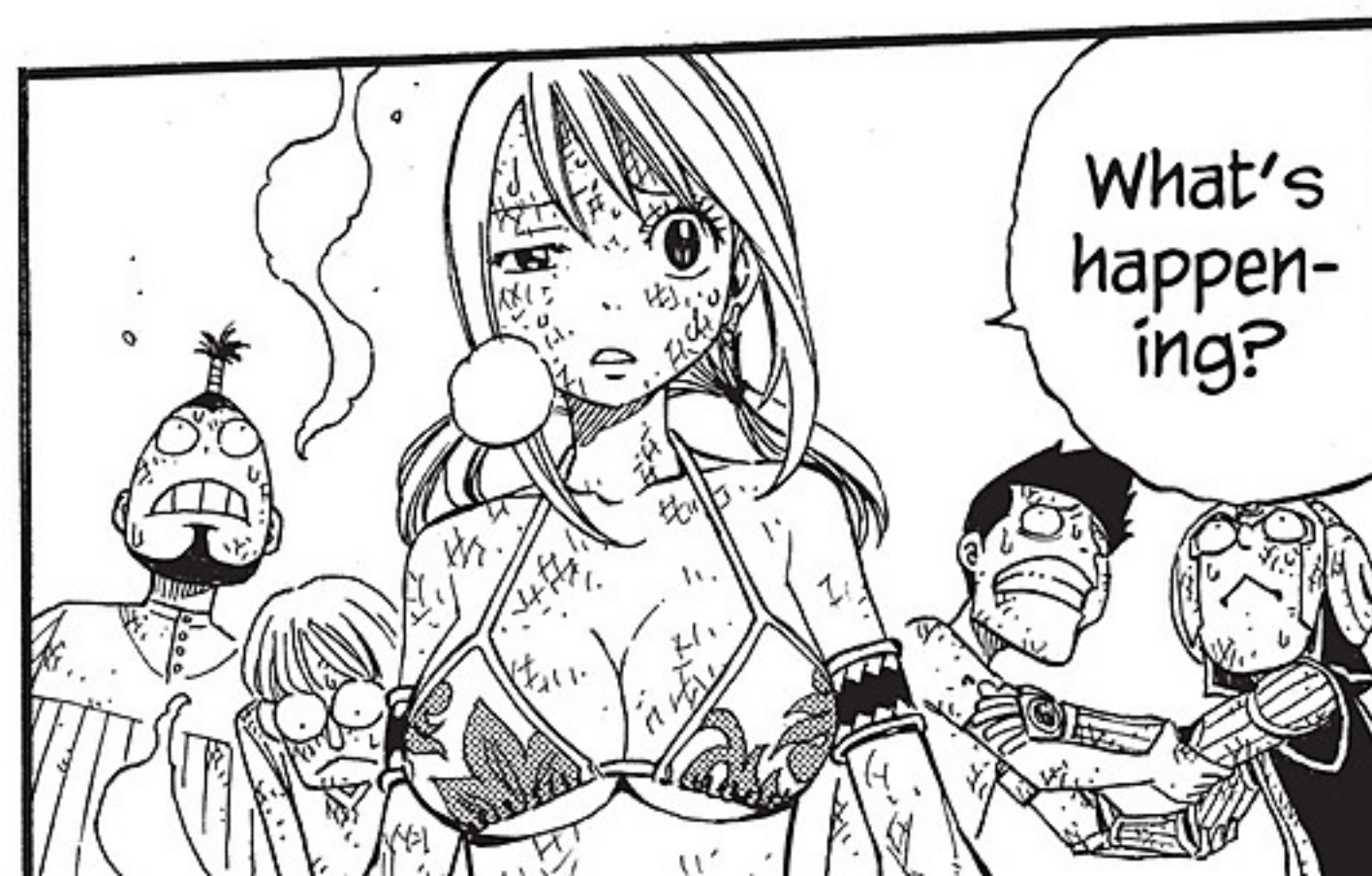
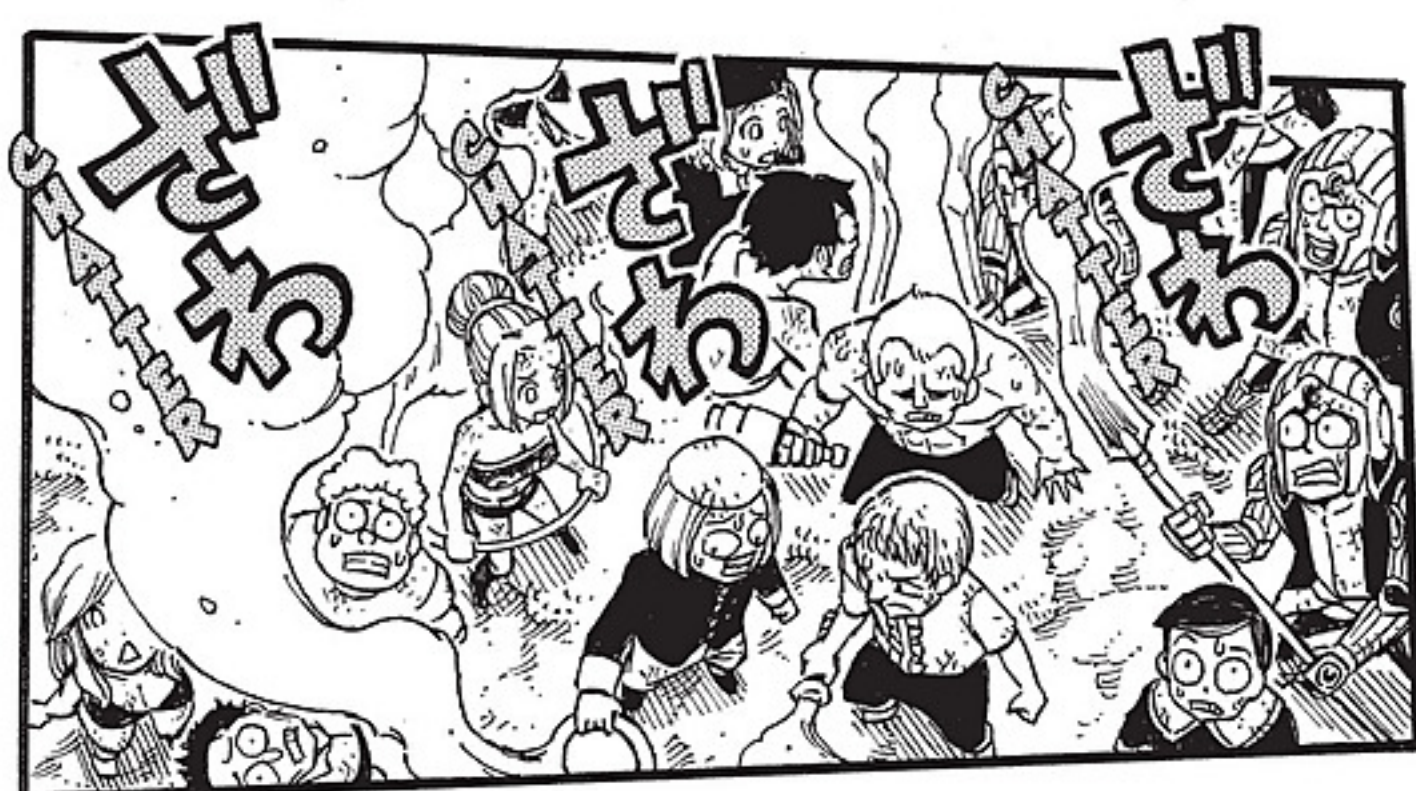
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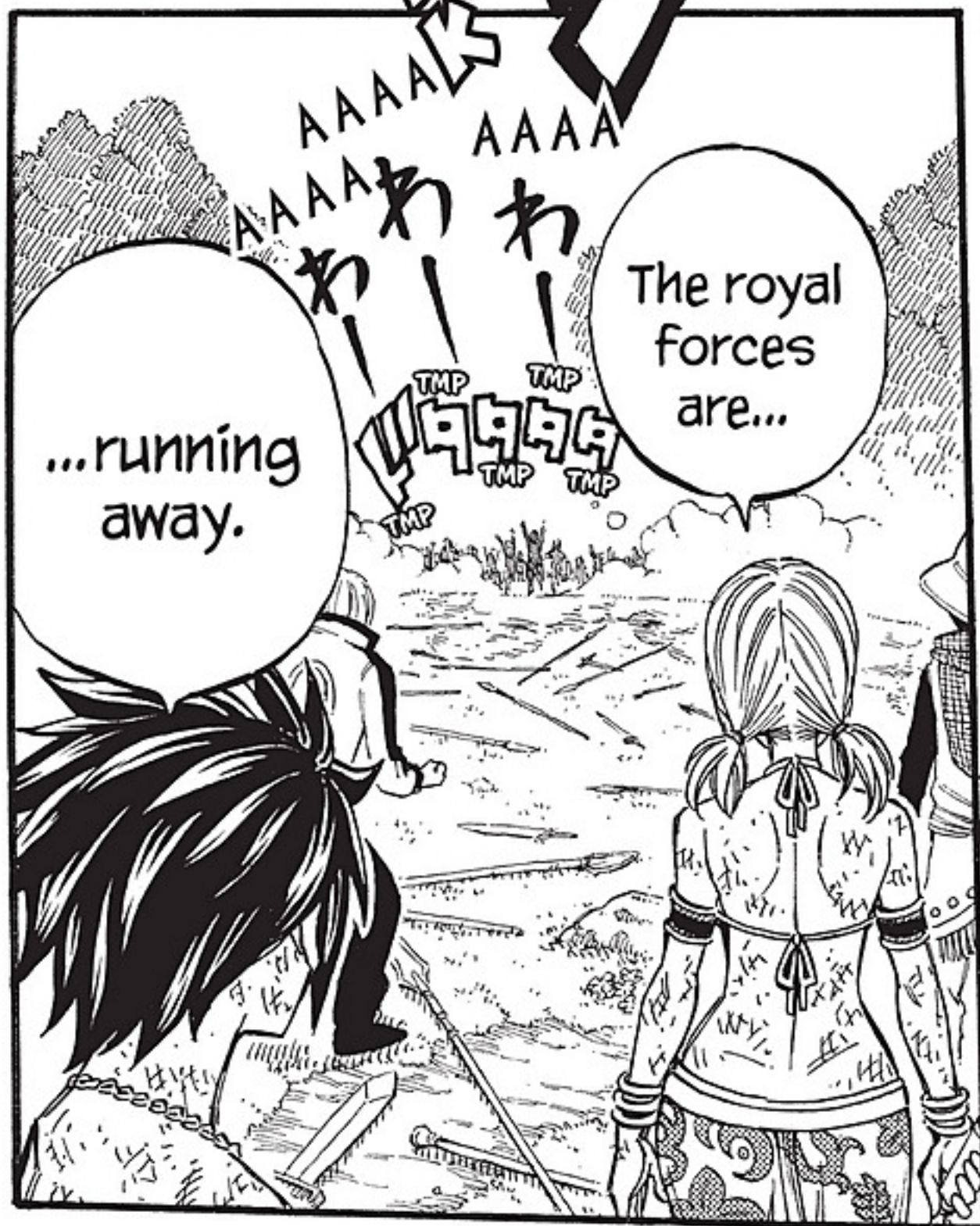
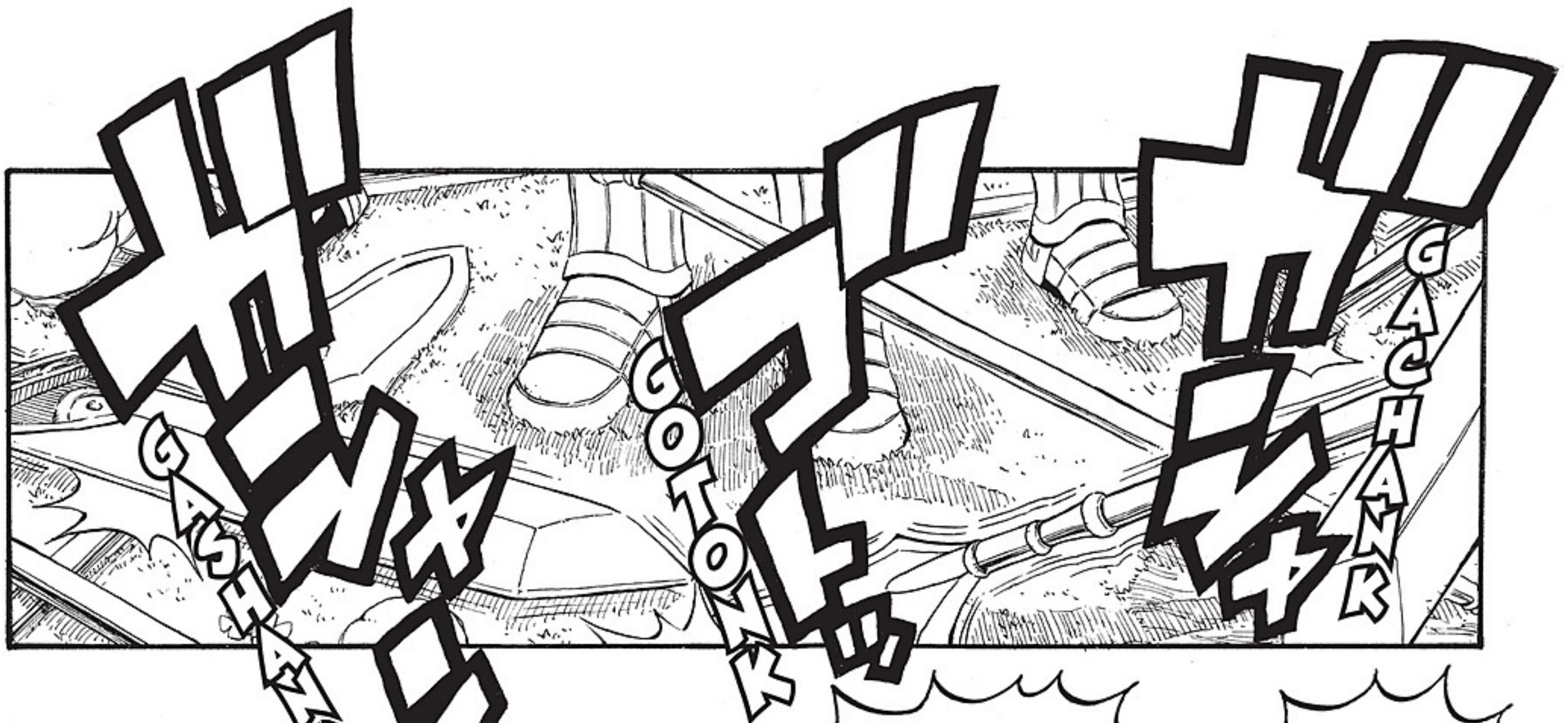
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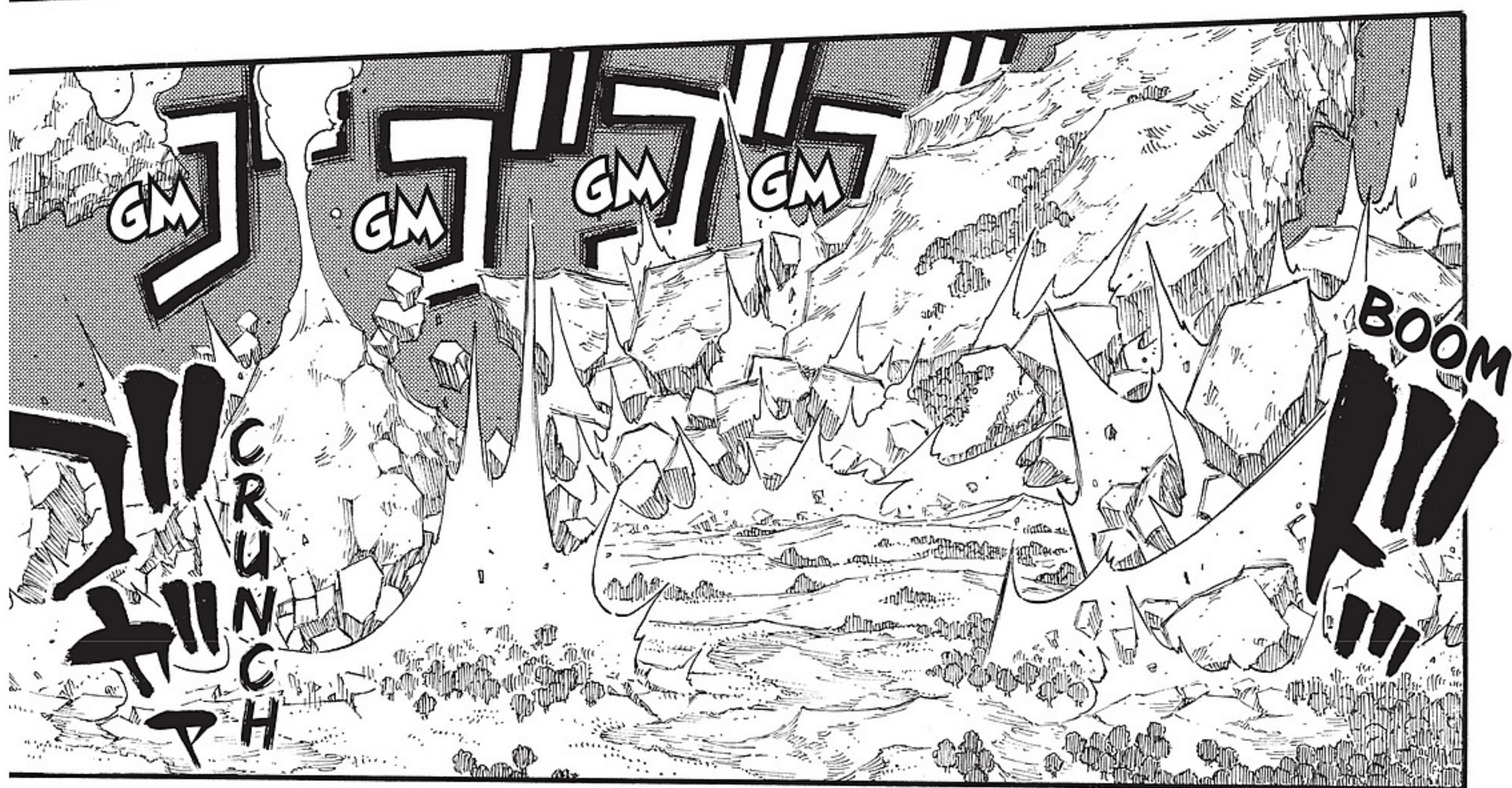
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What's
going to
happen to
our wizards'
guild?!

What do you
mean, okay?!!
The magic is
going out of the
world!!! All
of it!!!!



Everybody!!
Calm down!
It's going to
be okay!!!



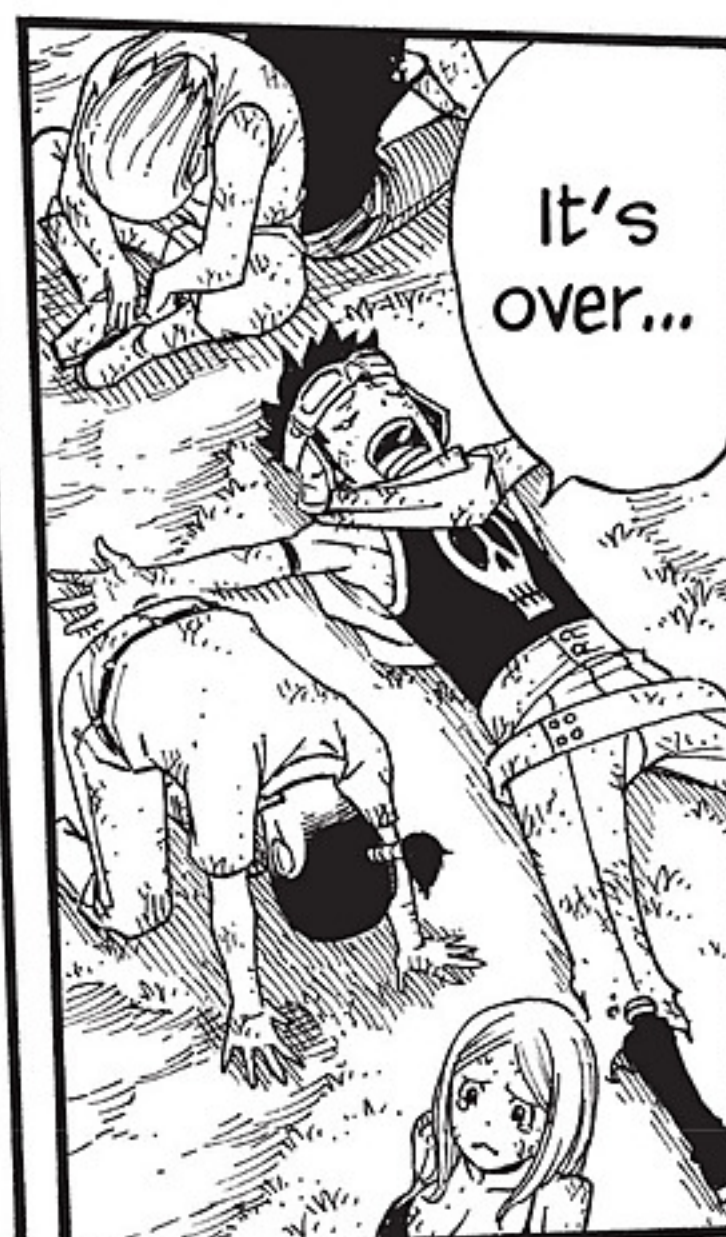
Waaaah!!!
The magic is
going away!!!!
The magic is
disappearing...!!!!



The thing we
were most
scared of...
The magic
drying up...



We won the
battle...but
we're losing
the world...



It's
over...



The world's
coming to
an end!!!

Wait,
every-
body
...

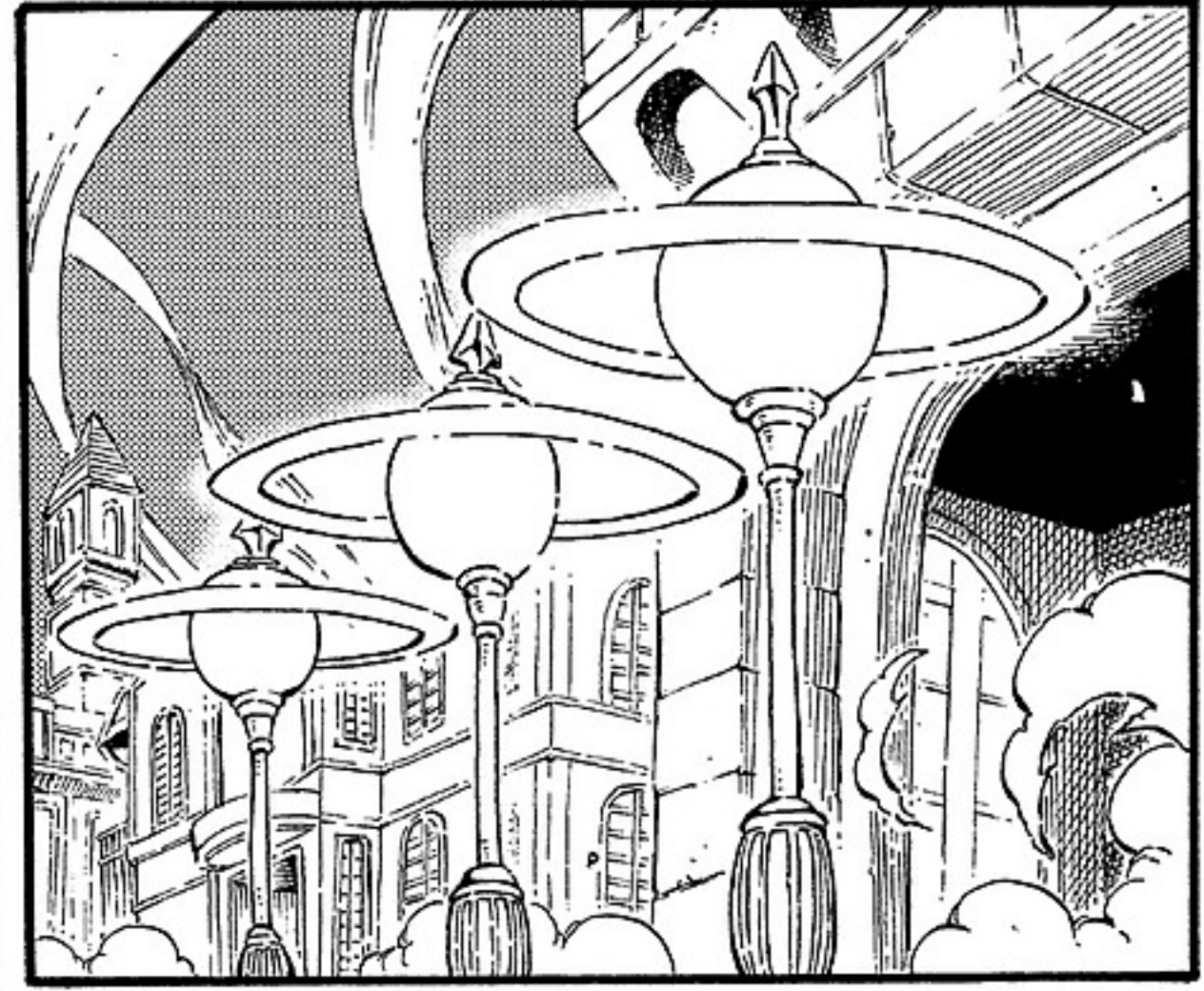
It's all
over for
Edolas!!!!

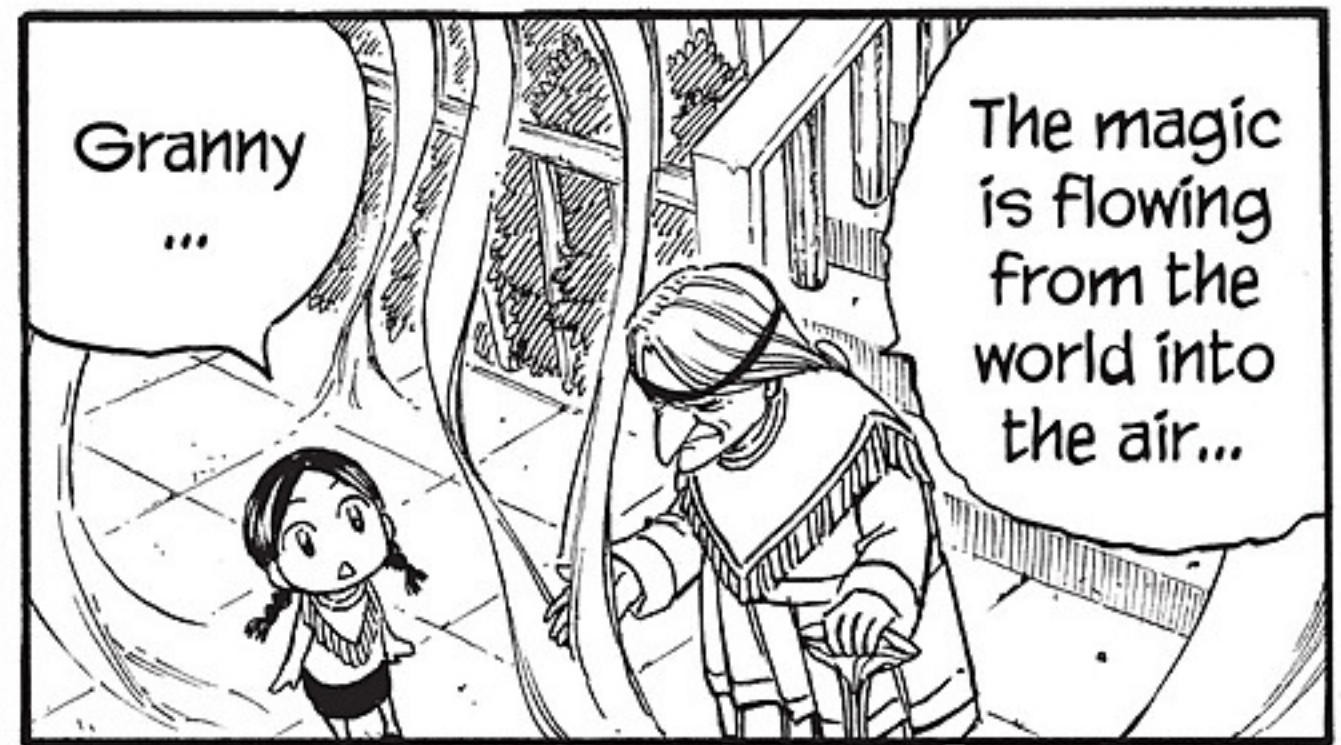
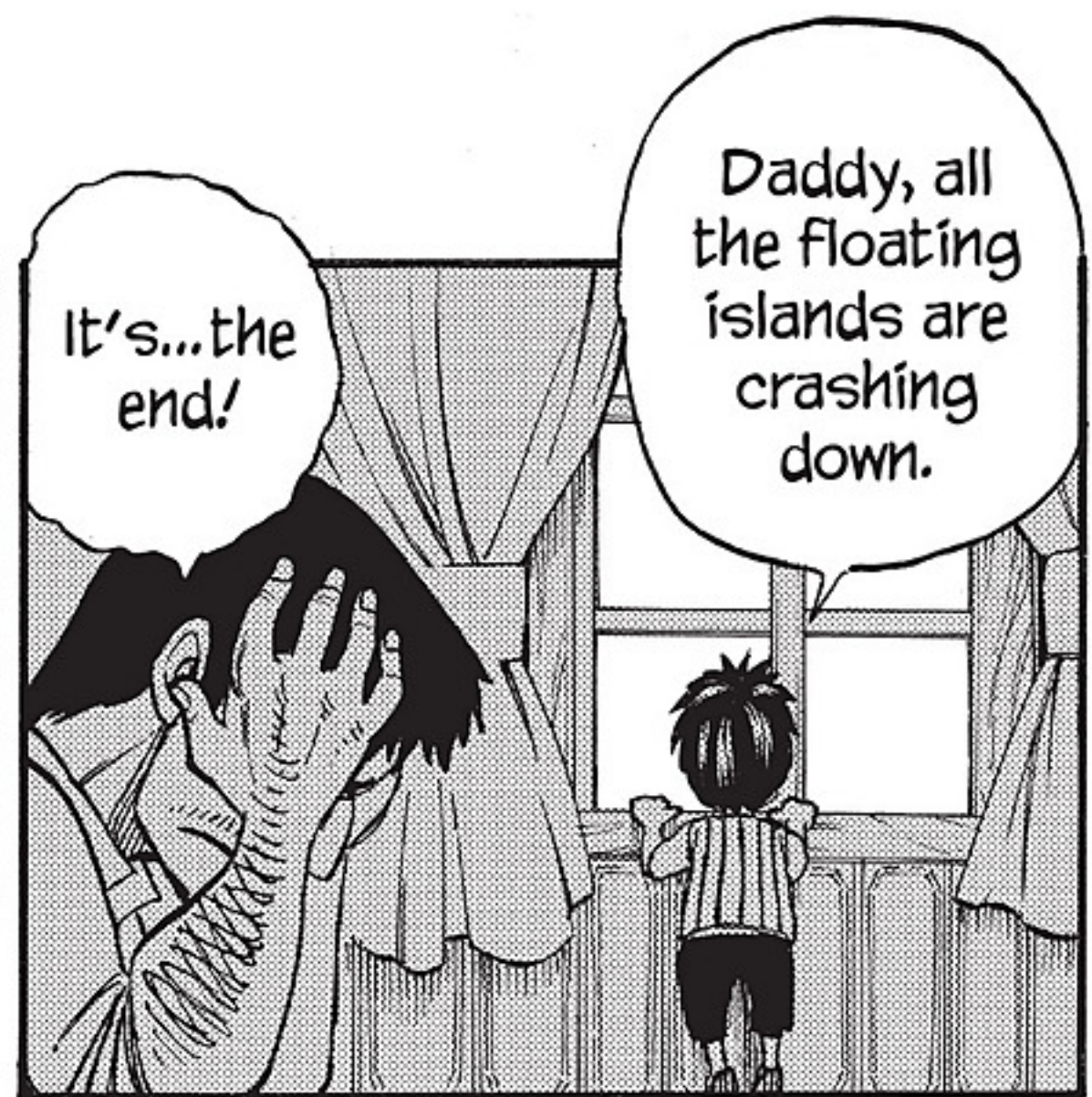
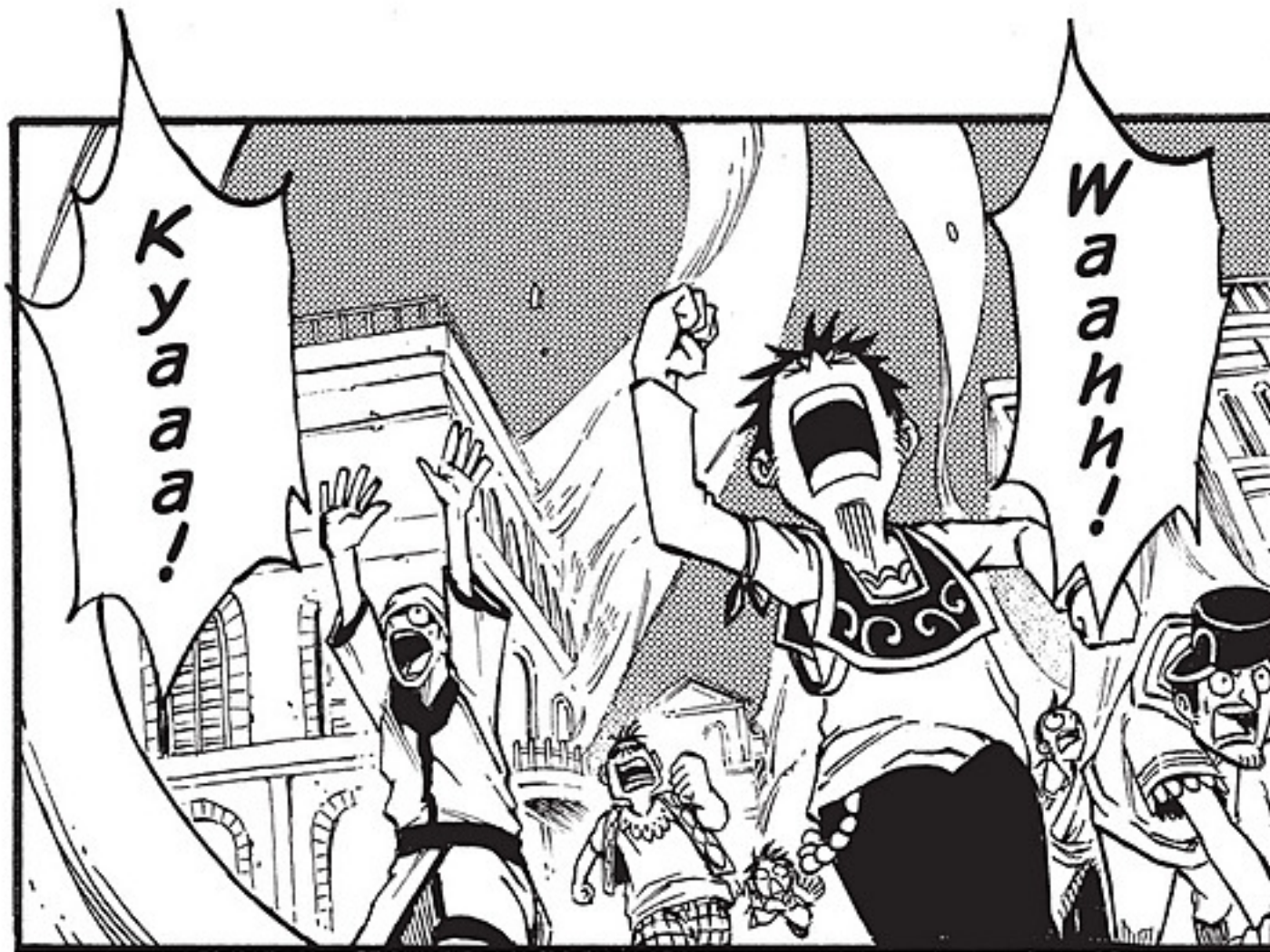
What are
we going
to do...?!

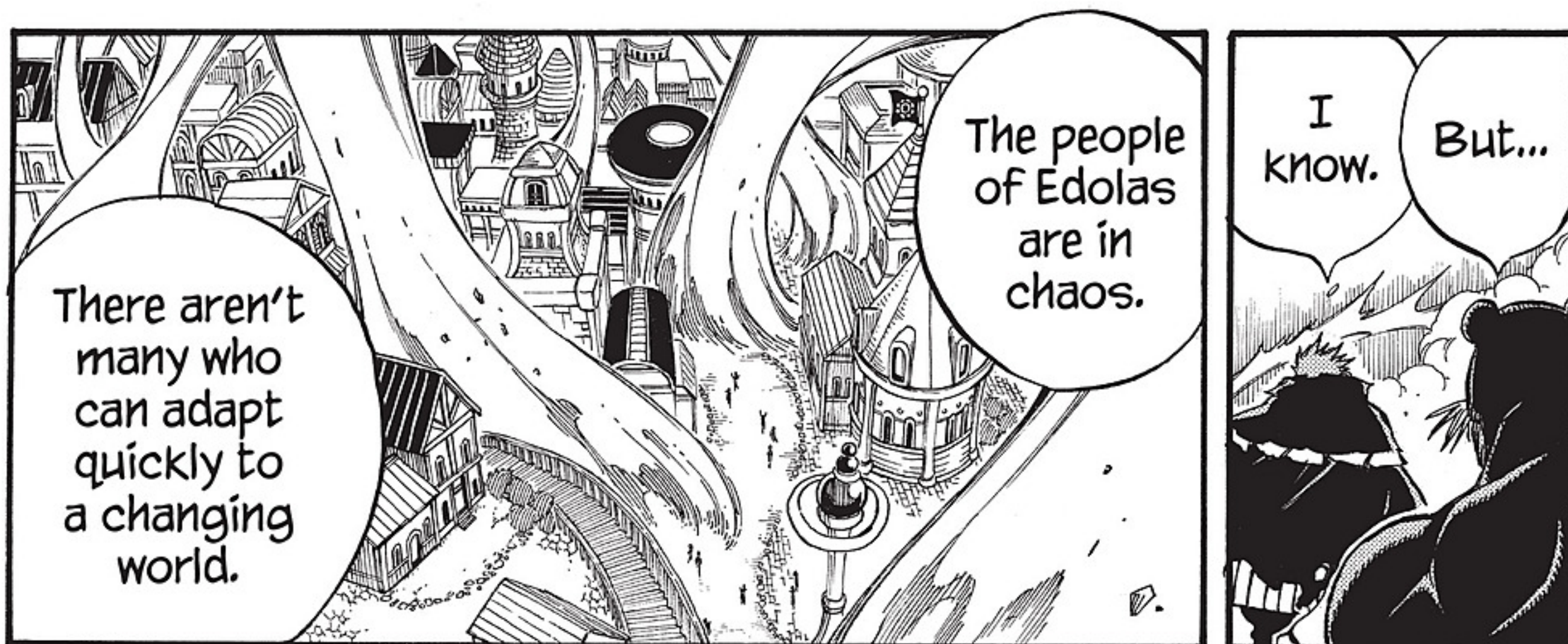
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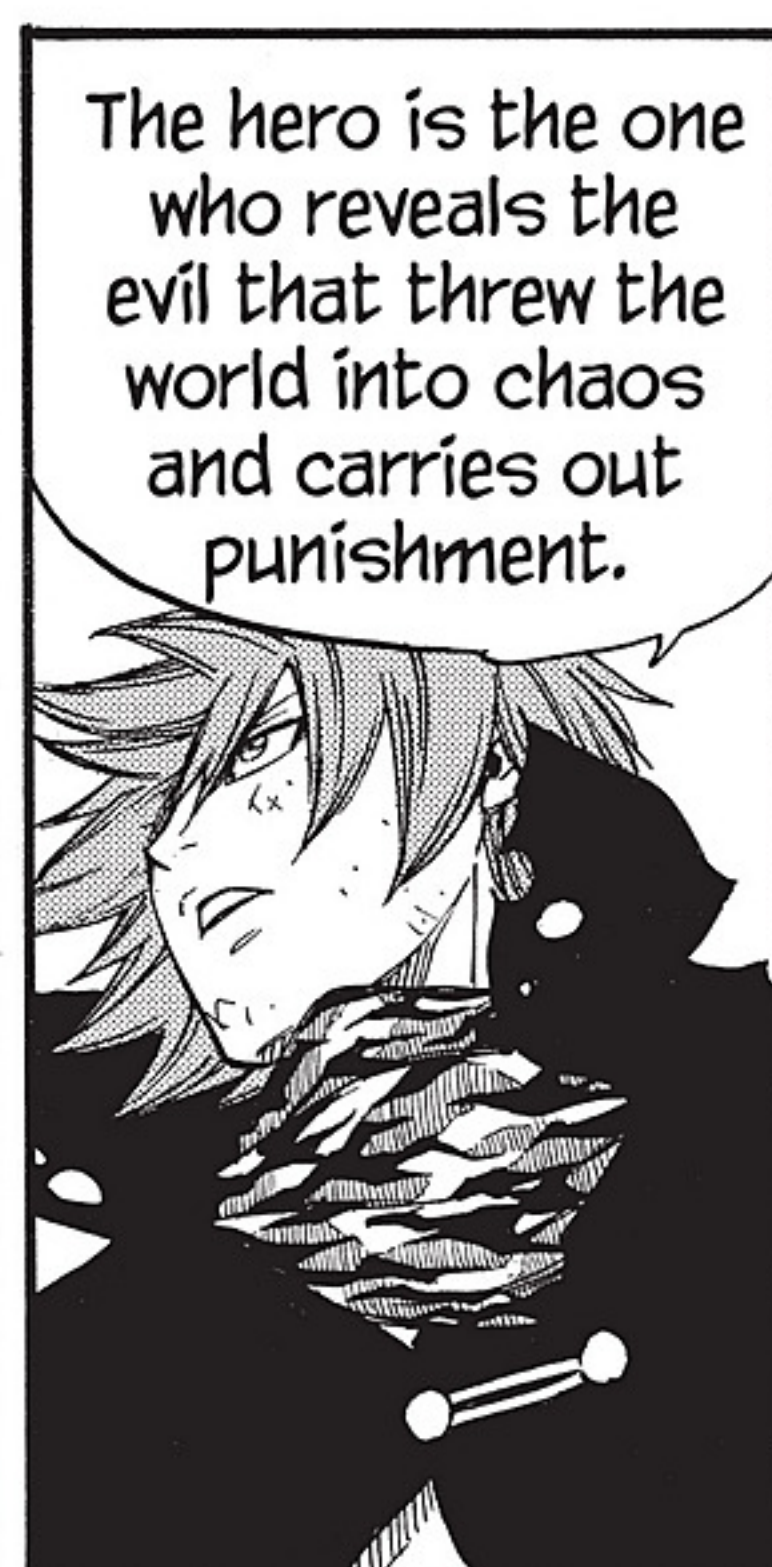
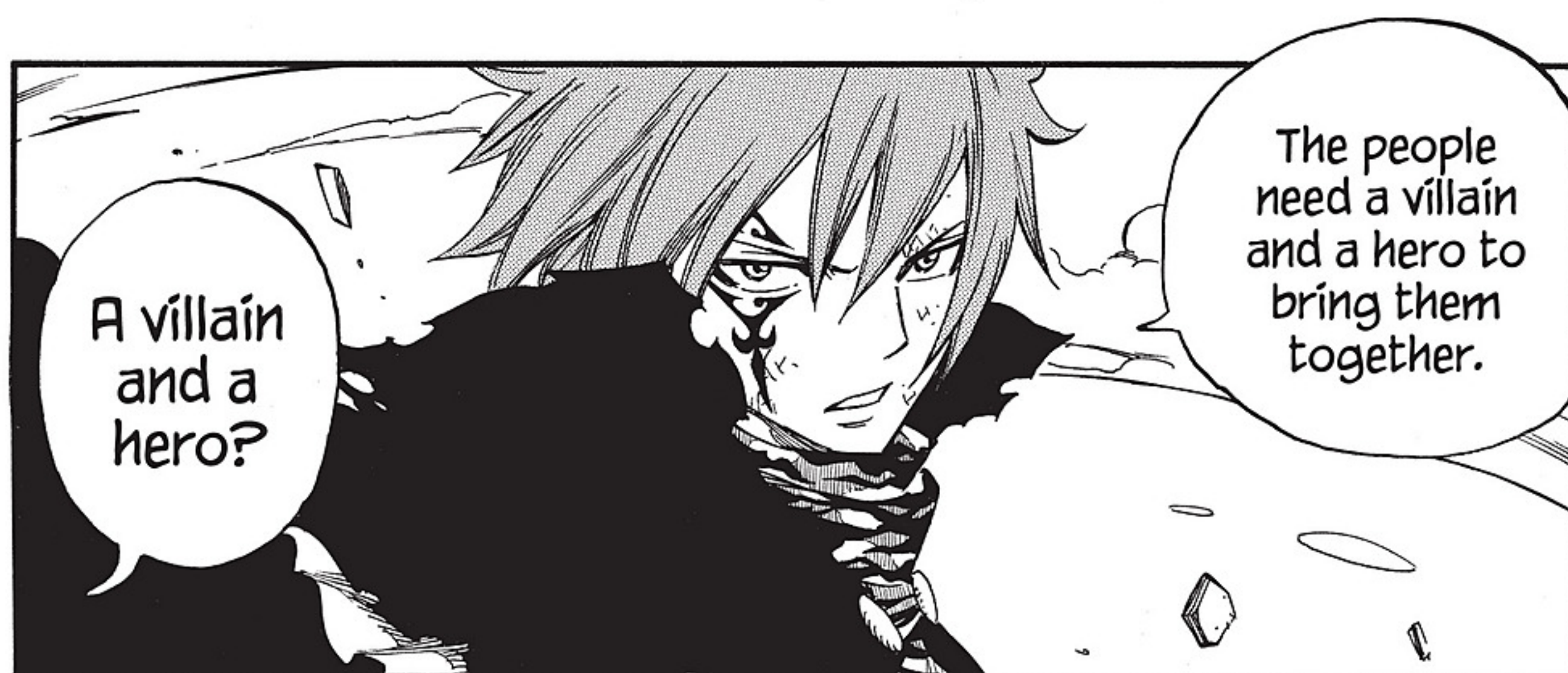
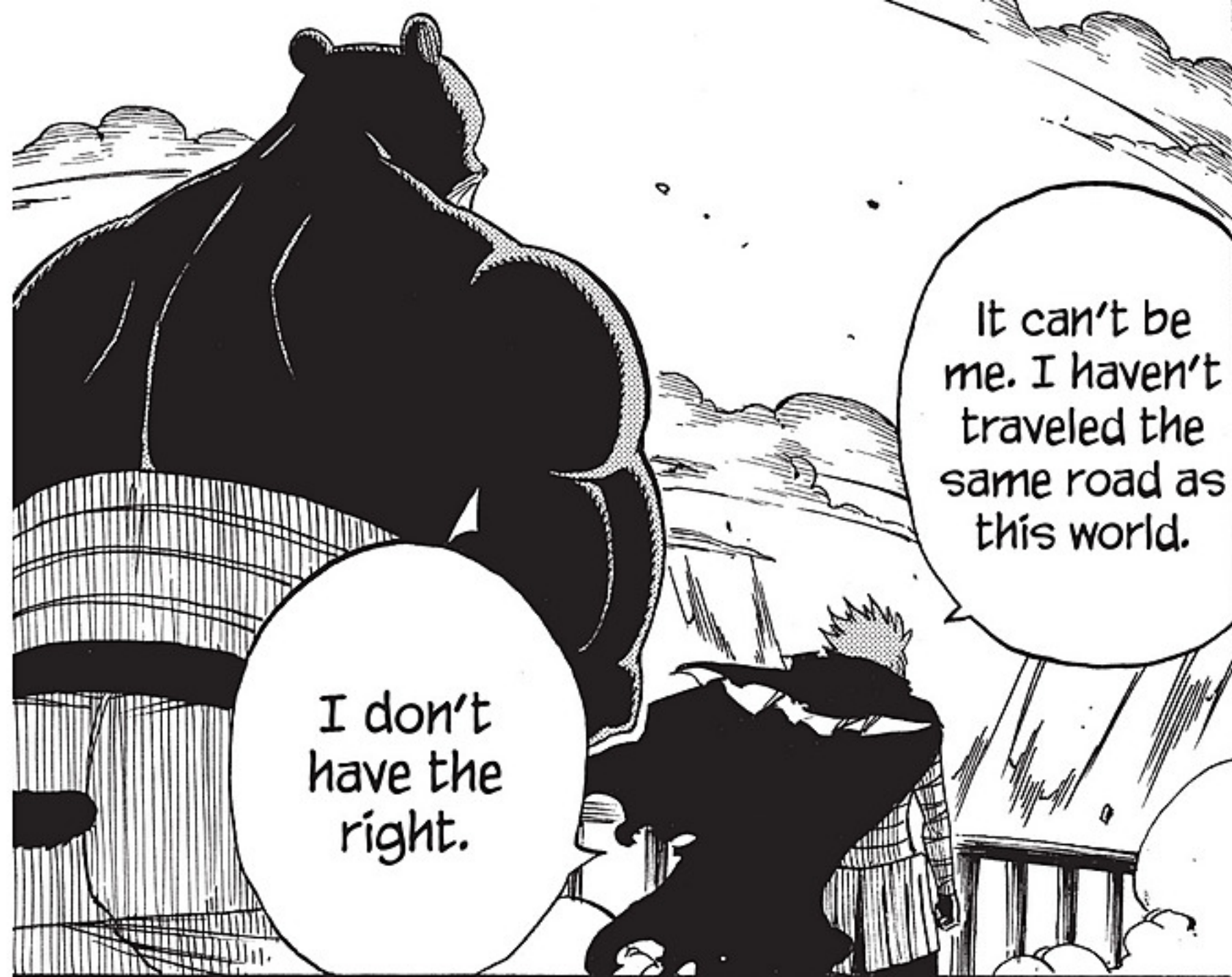
Game
over!!!

Save
us!!











While the hero
is one who can
resolve the
people's mistakes
and prejudices
and lead them
towards peace.
You.

The villain is the
one who raised the
standard of revolt
against the king
and stole the magic
from the world...



**You must
punish
me for
destroying
the world**

...

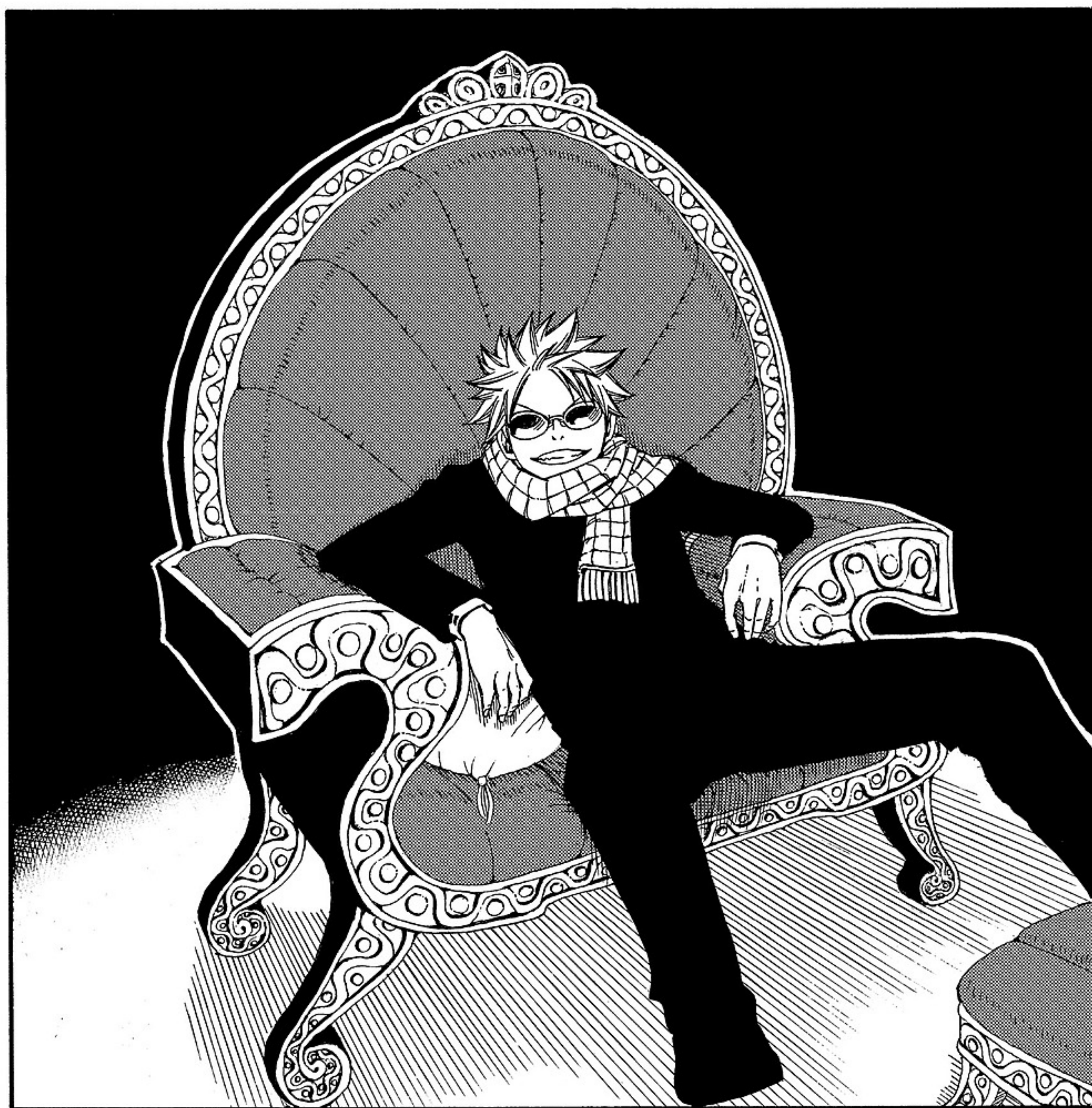
**...and
take your
place as
King.**

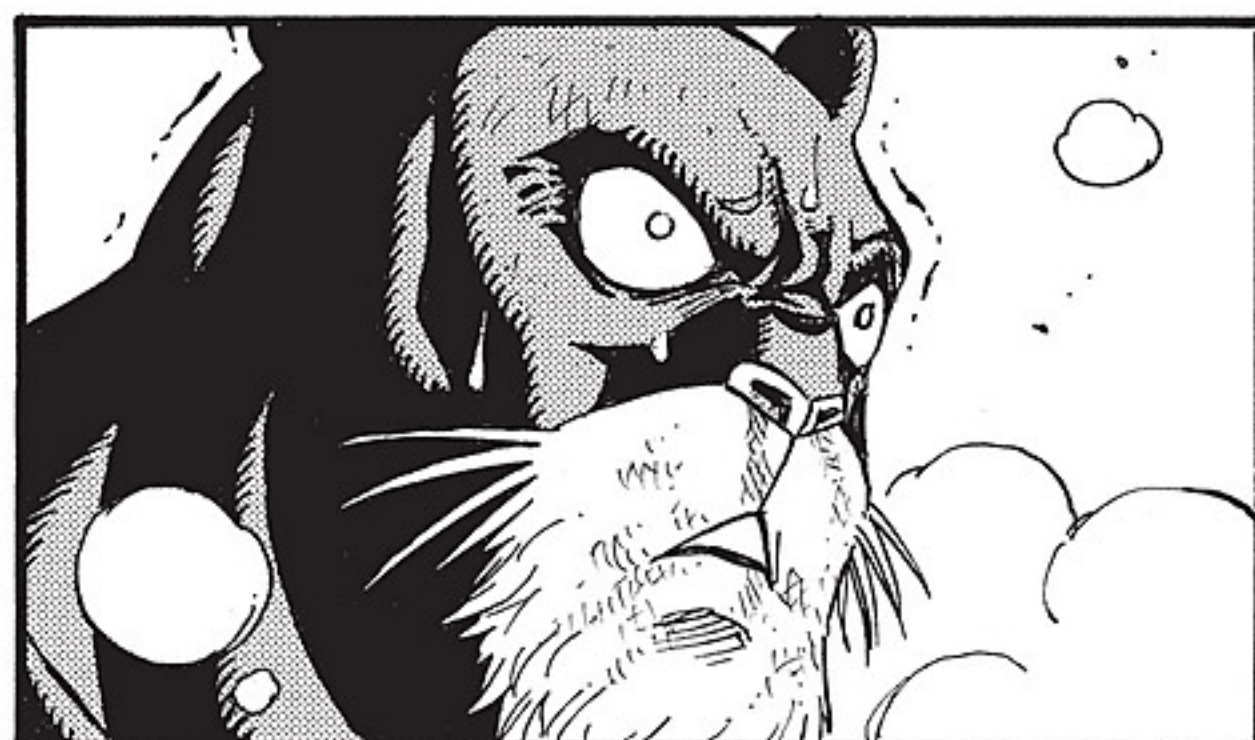
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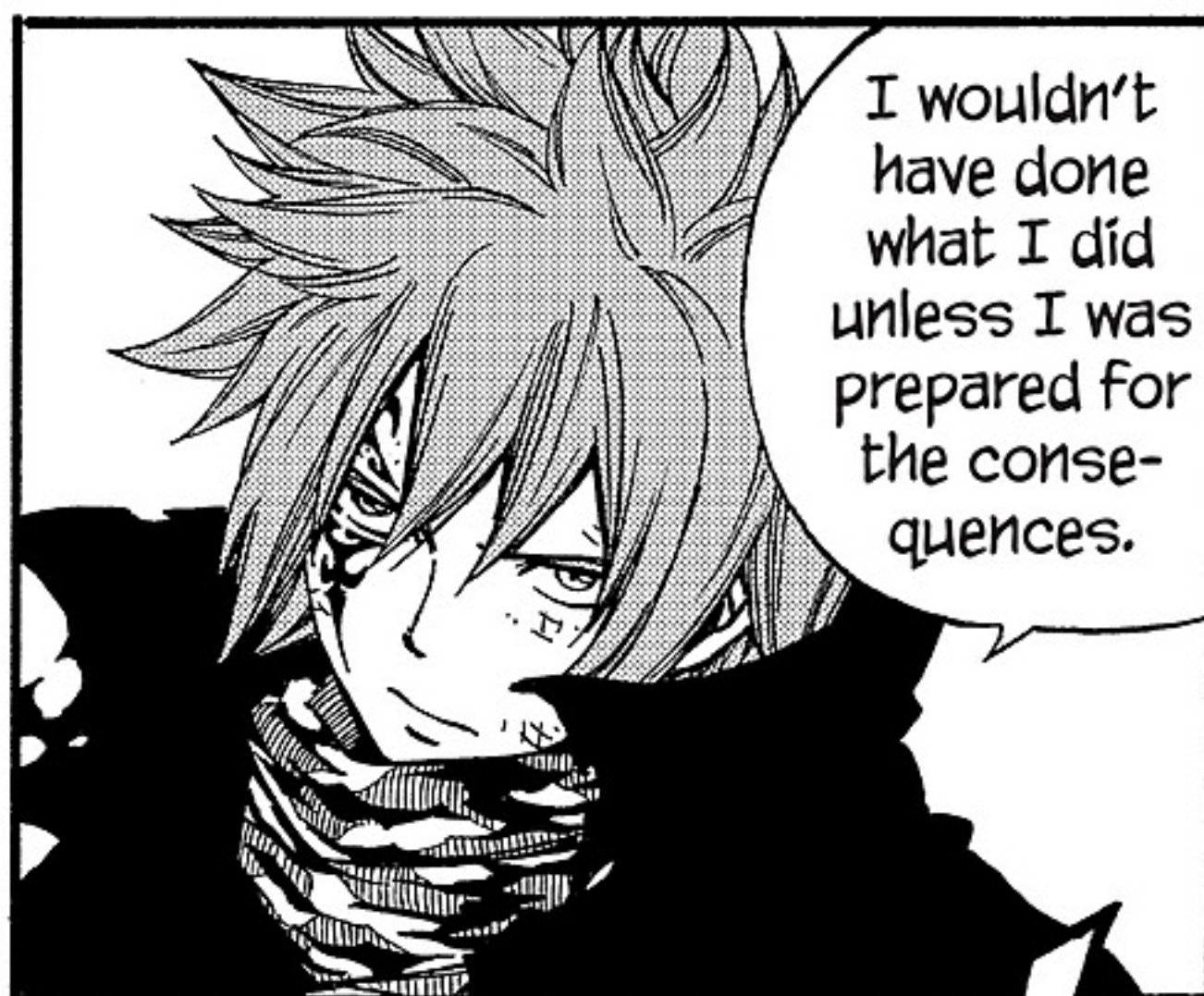






I refuse.
It's utter
idiotcy!!!
Why should
I punish
you?!

There's
no way I
could!!!



I wouldn't
have done
what I did
unless I was
prepared for
the conse-
quences.

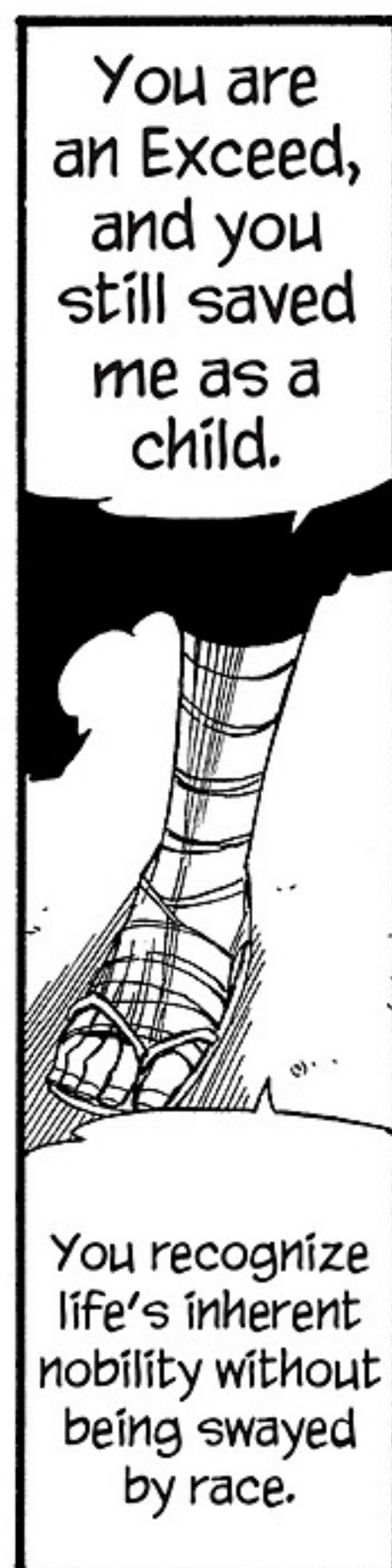


What makes
you think you
know me at
all?!

You can
do it!

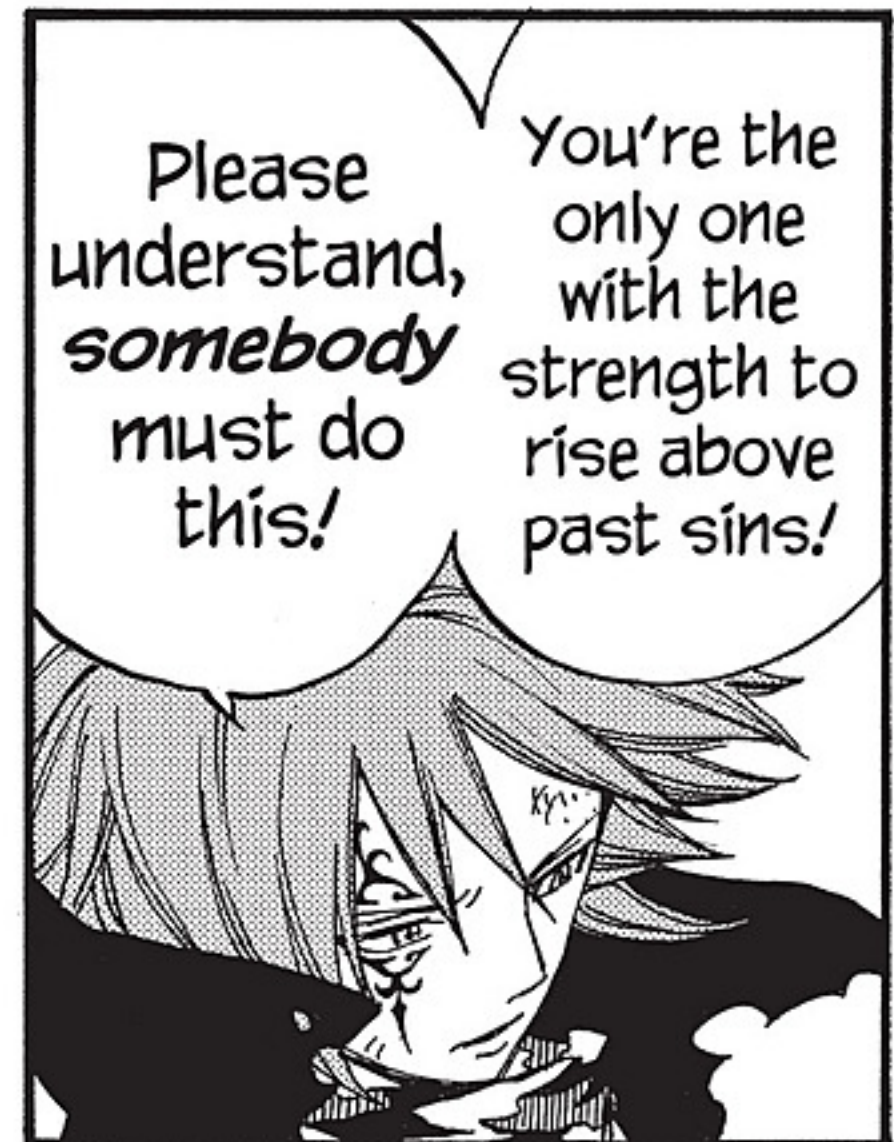


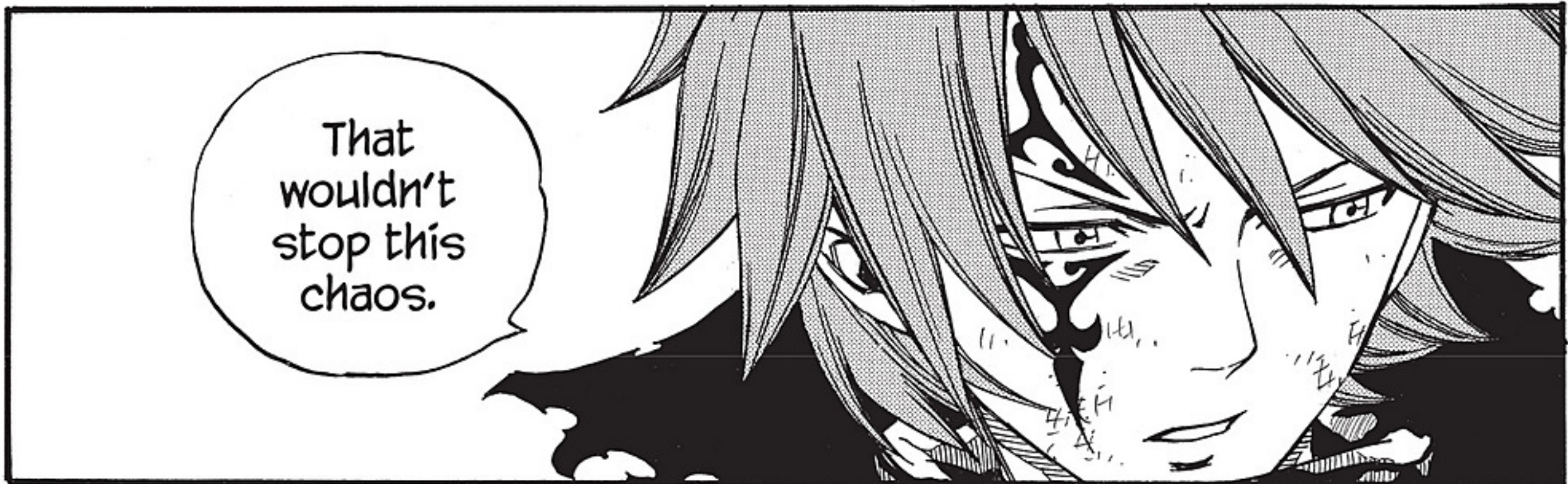
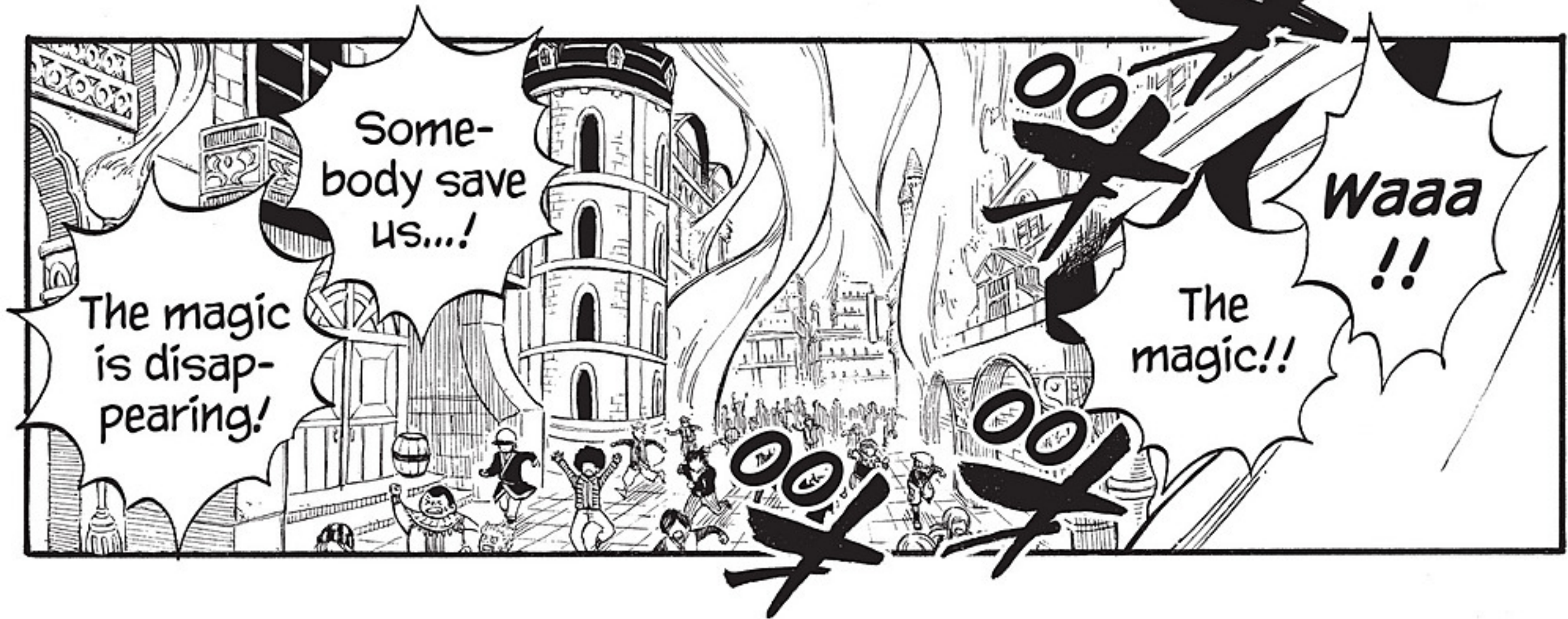
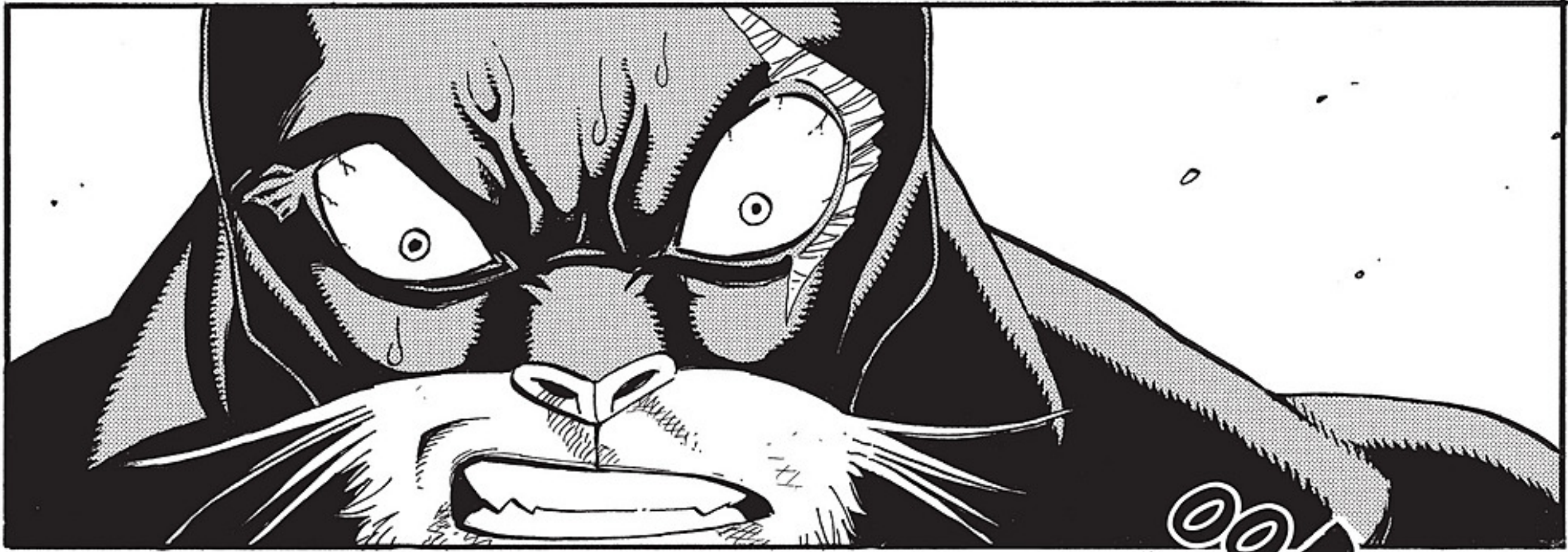
So I'm going to
have to pick up
the cross and
bear it? Is that
what you're
saying?!

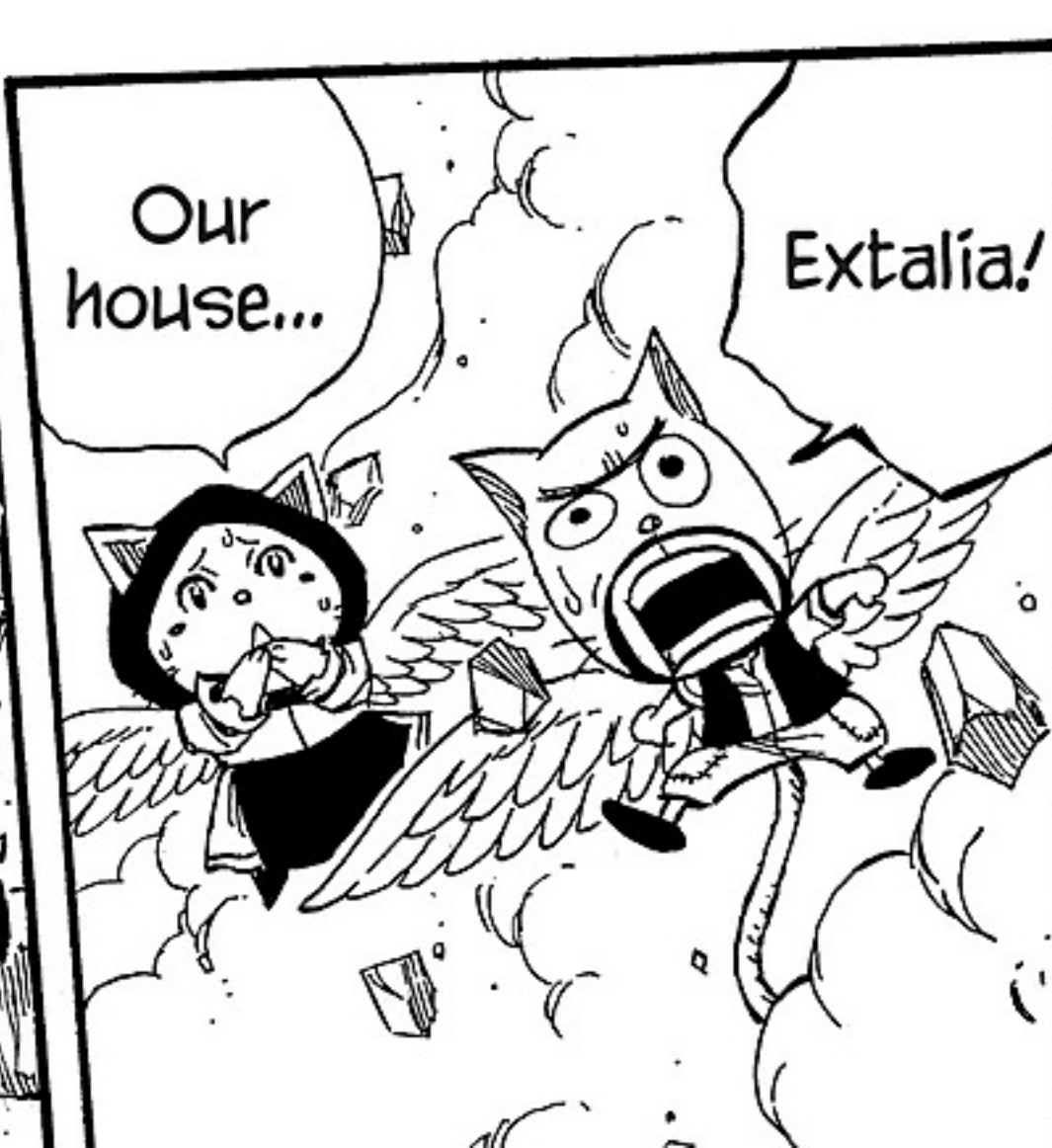
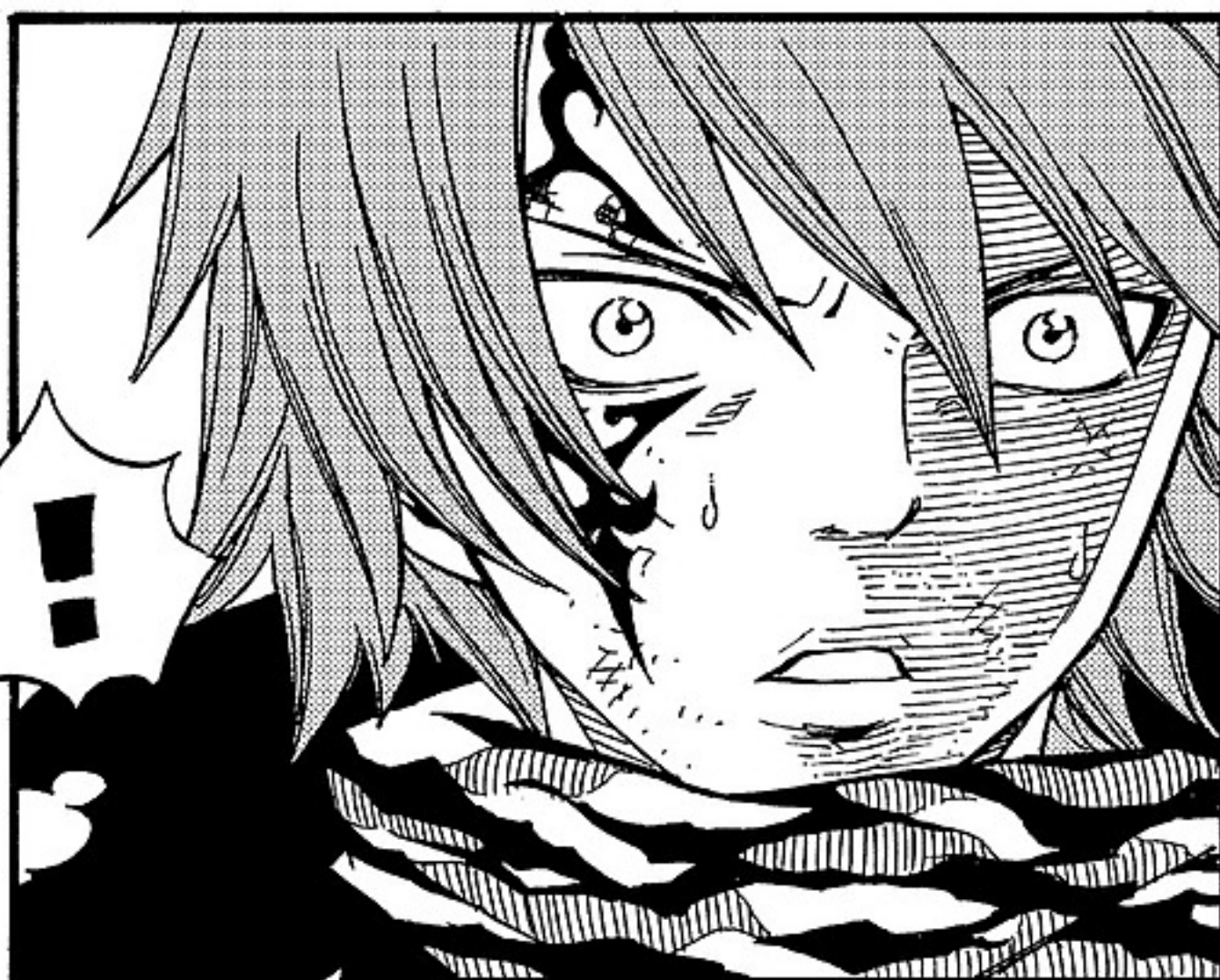


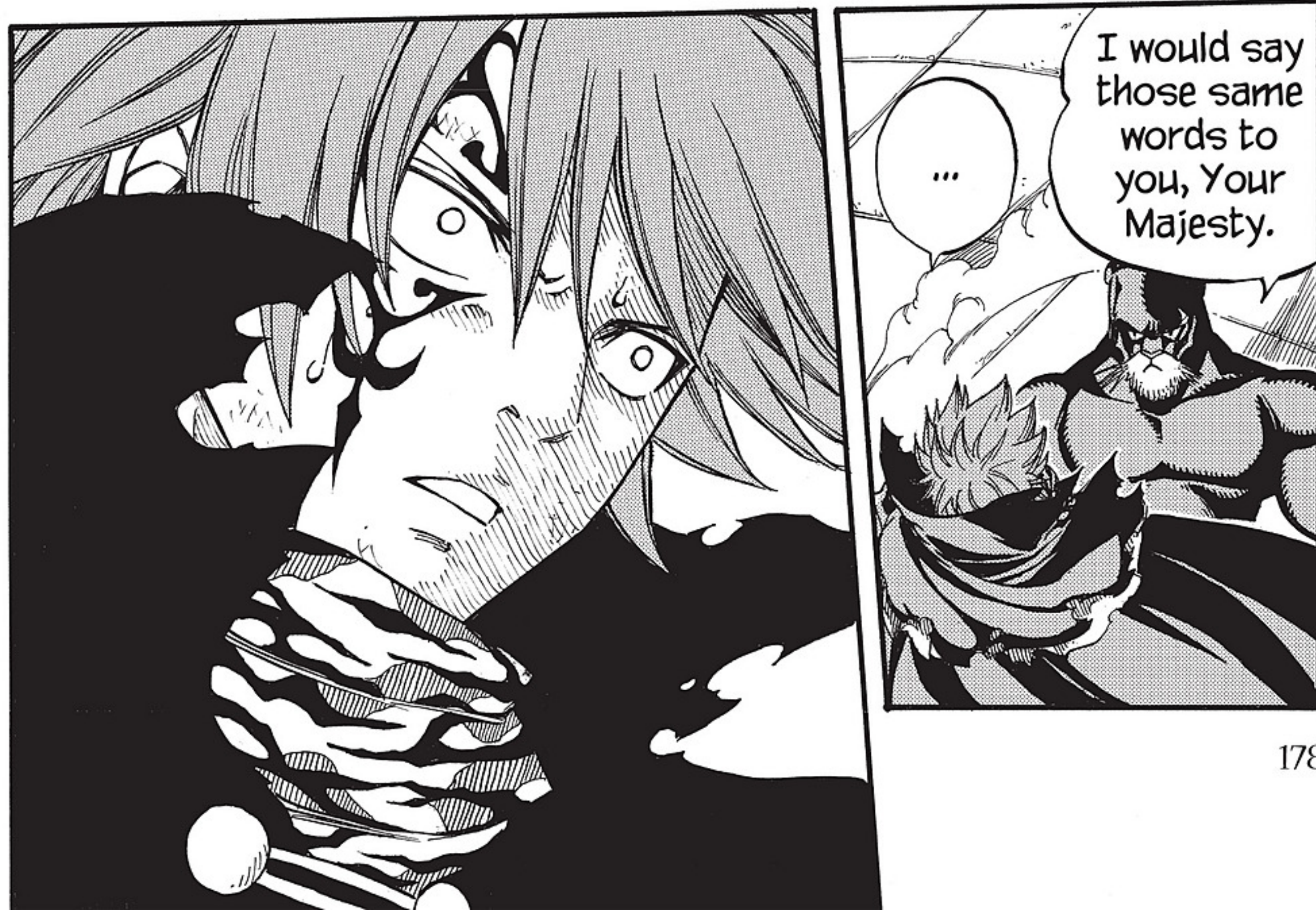
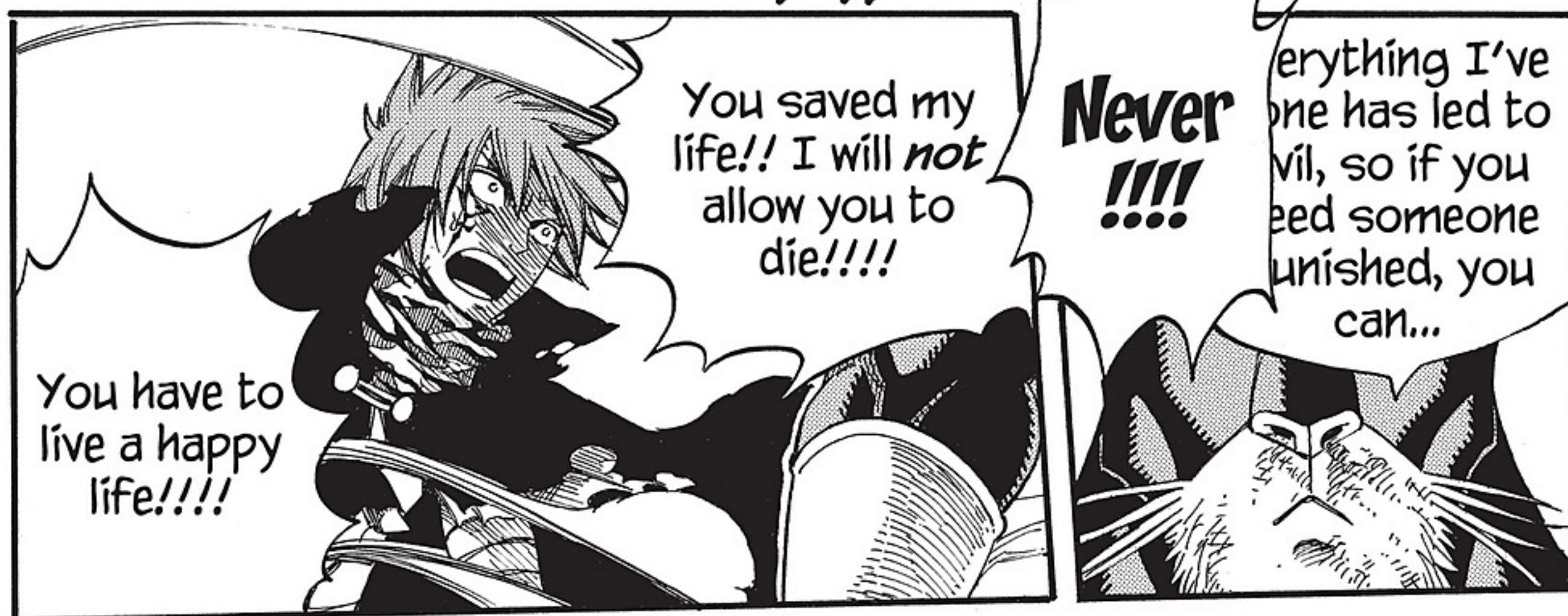
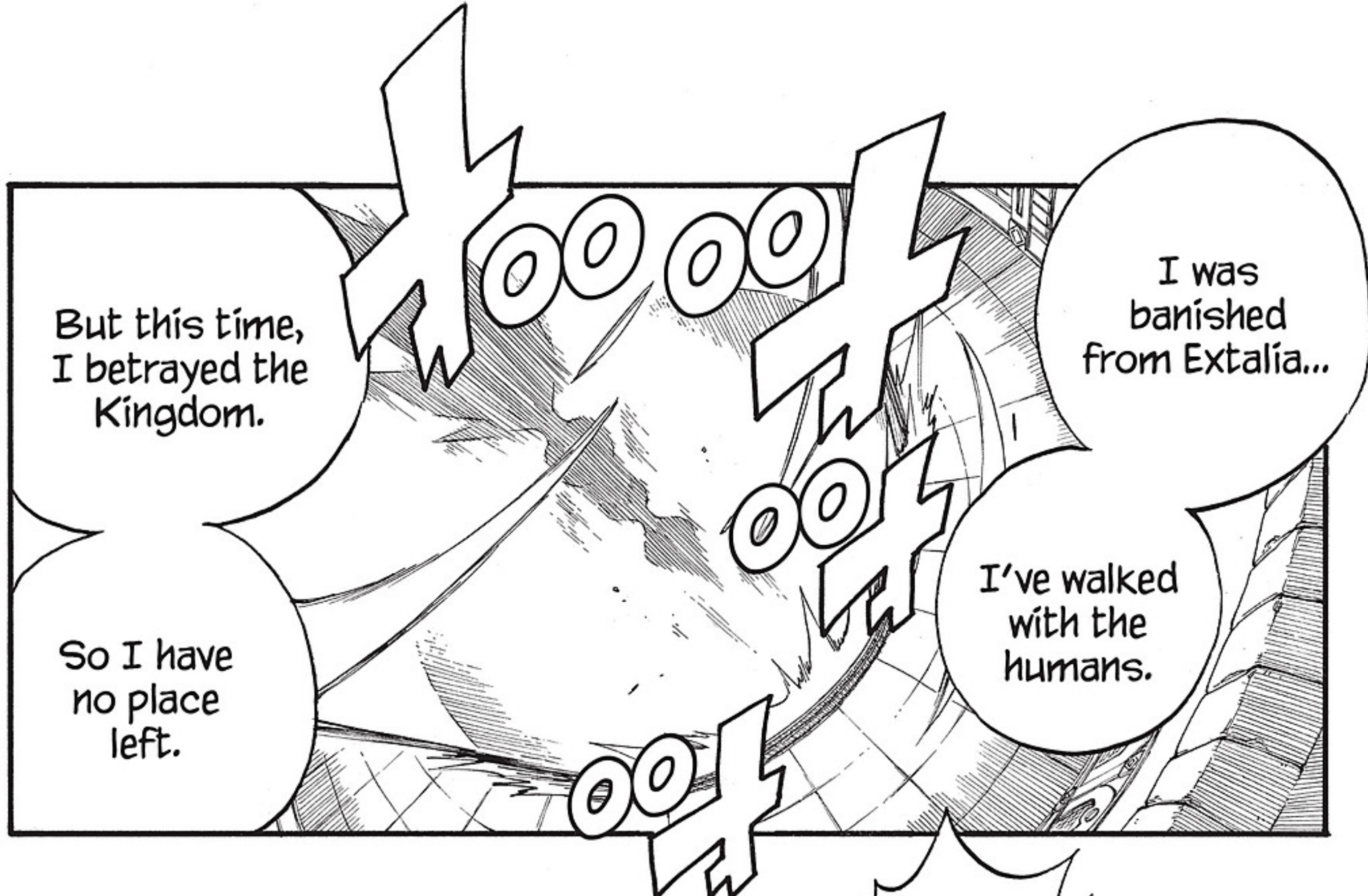
You are
an Exceed,
and you
still saved
me as a
child.

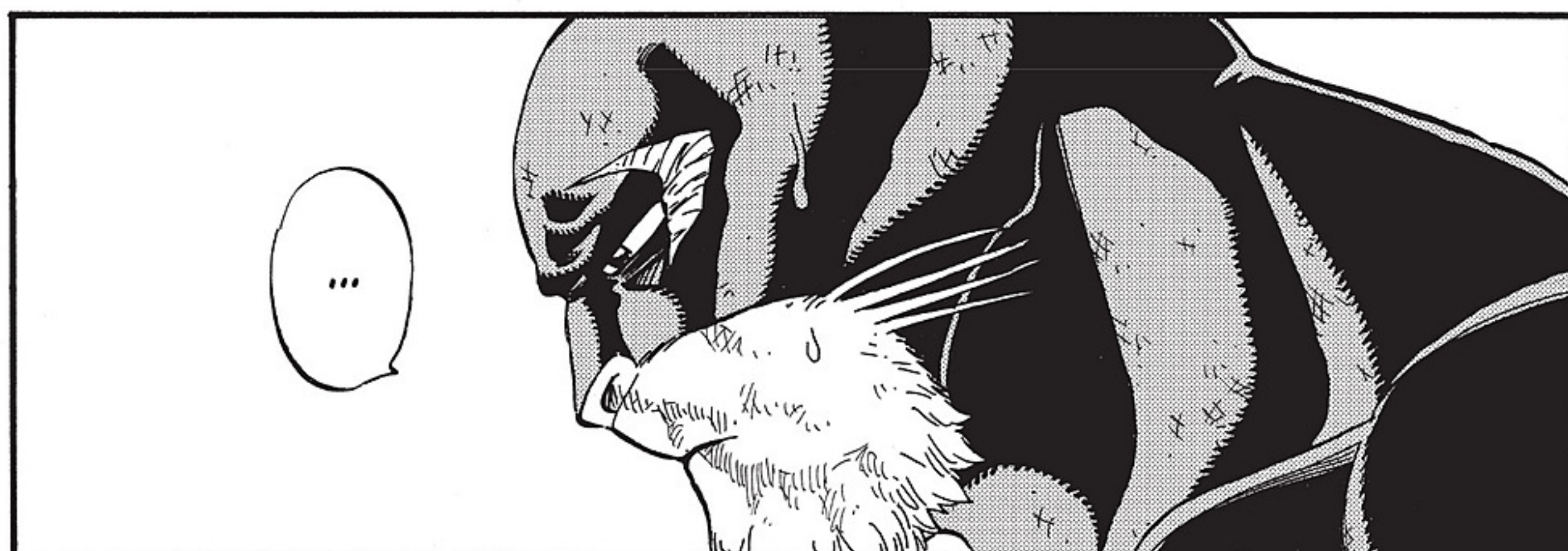
You recognize
life's inherent
nobility without
being swayed
by race.

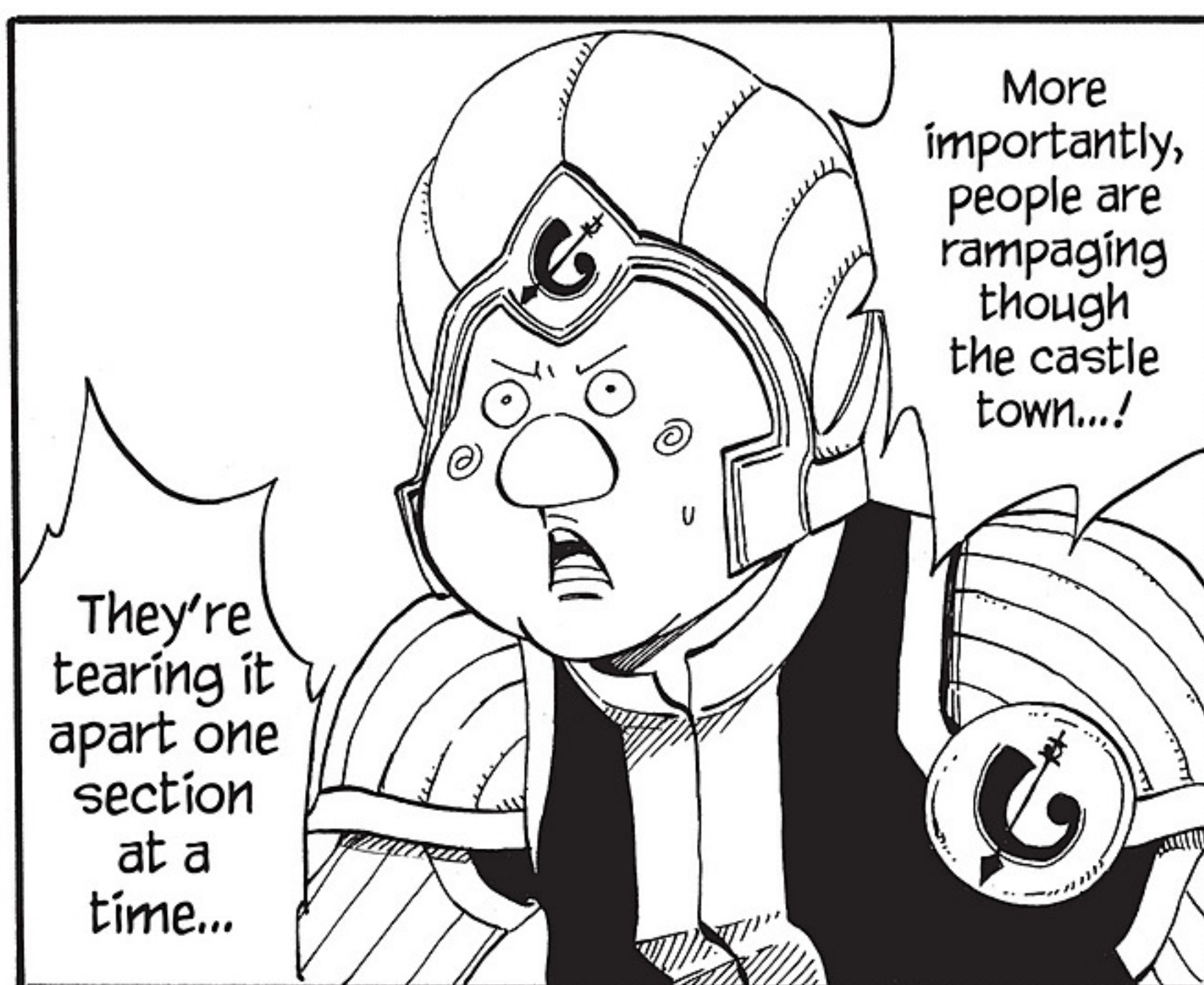
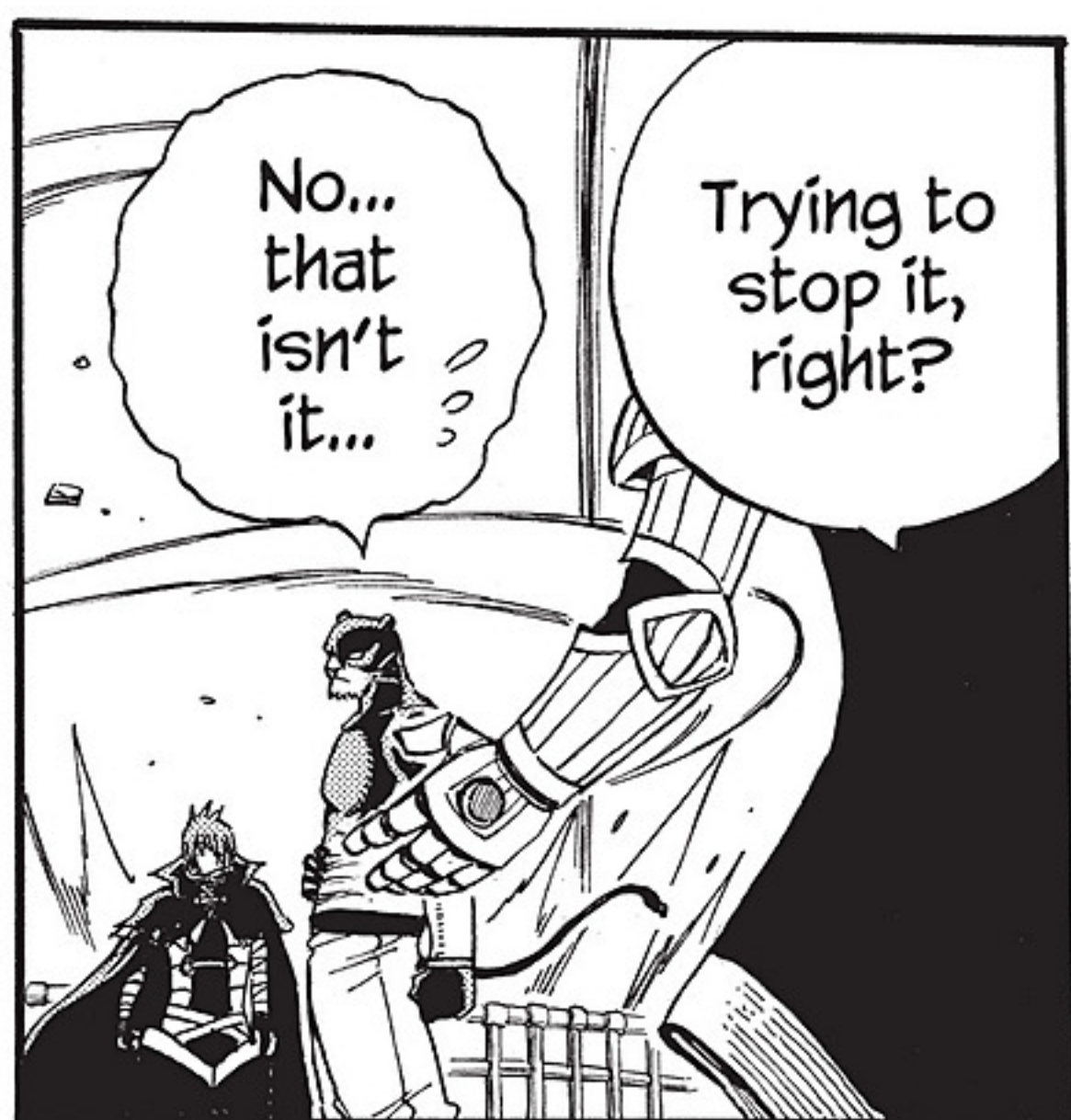








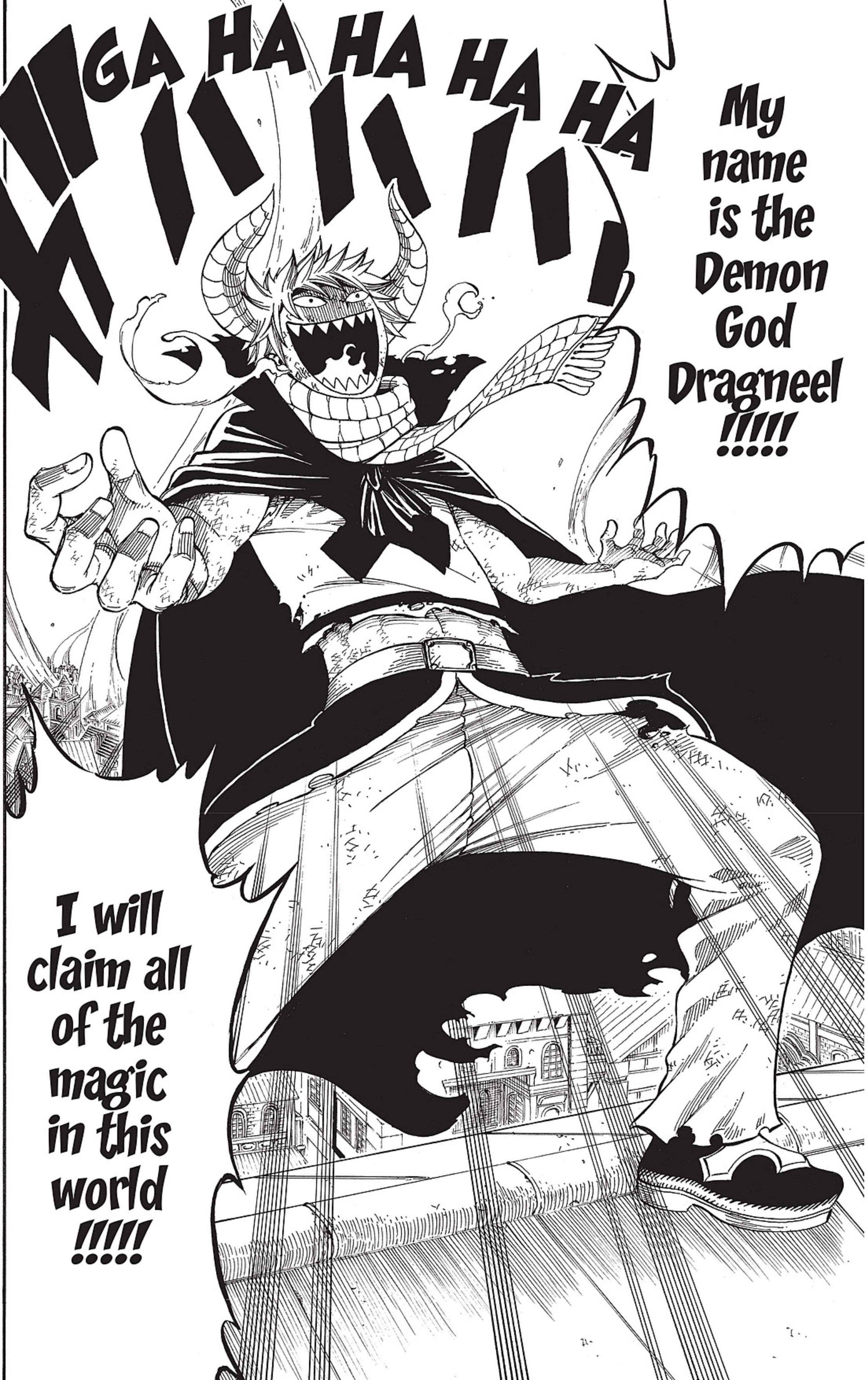


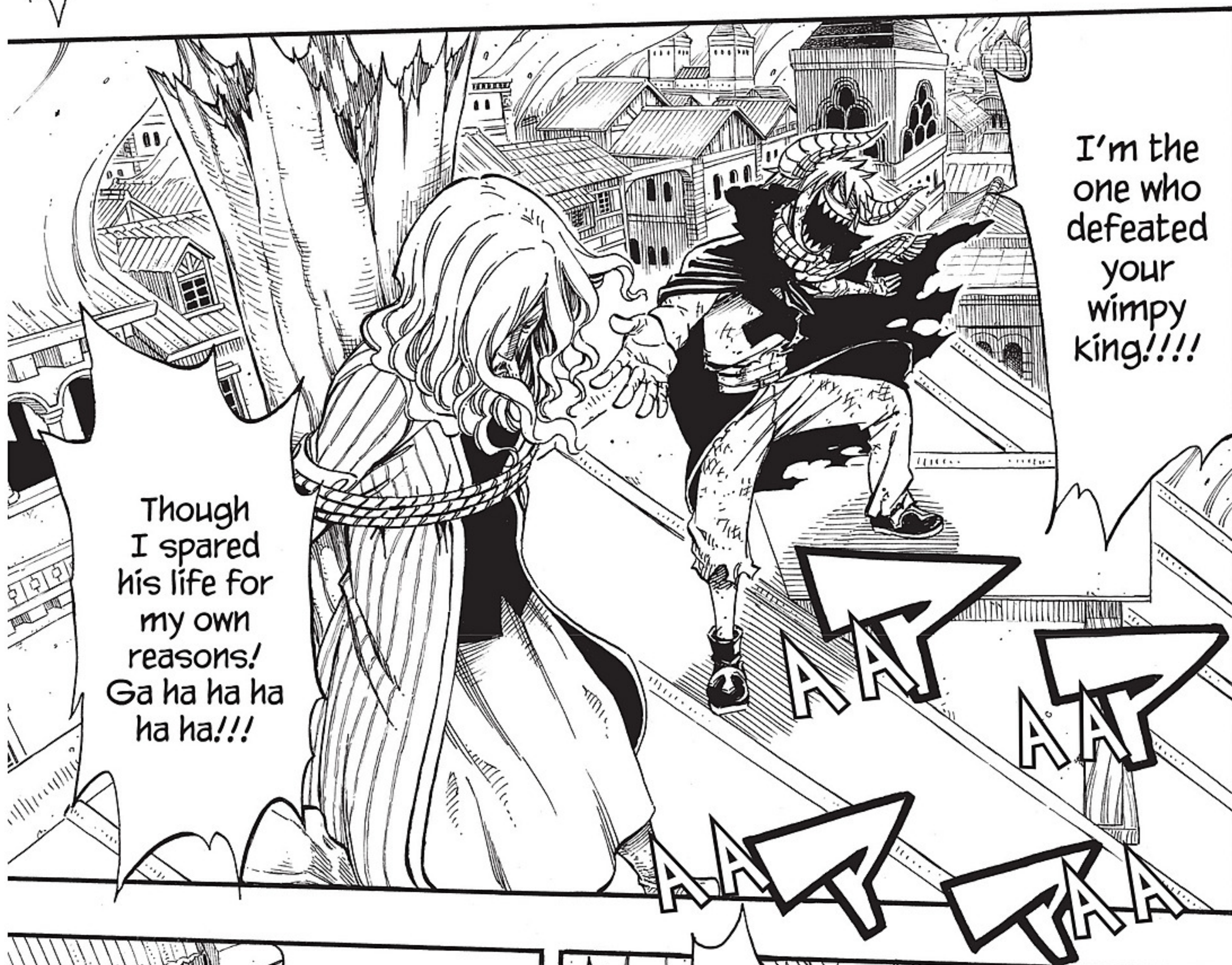


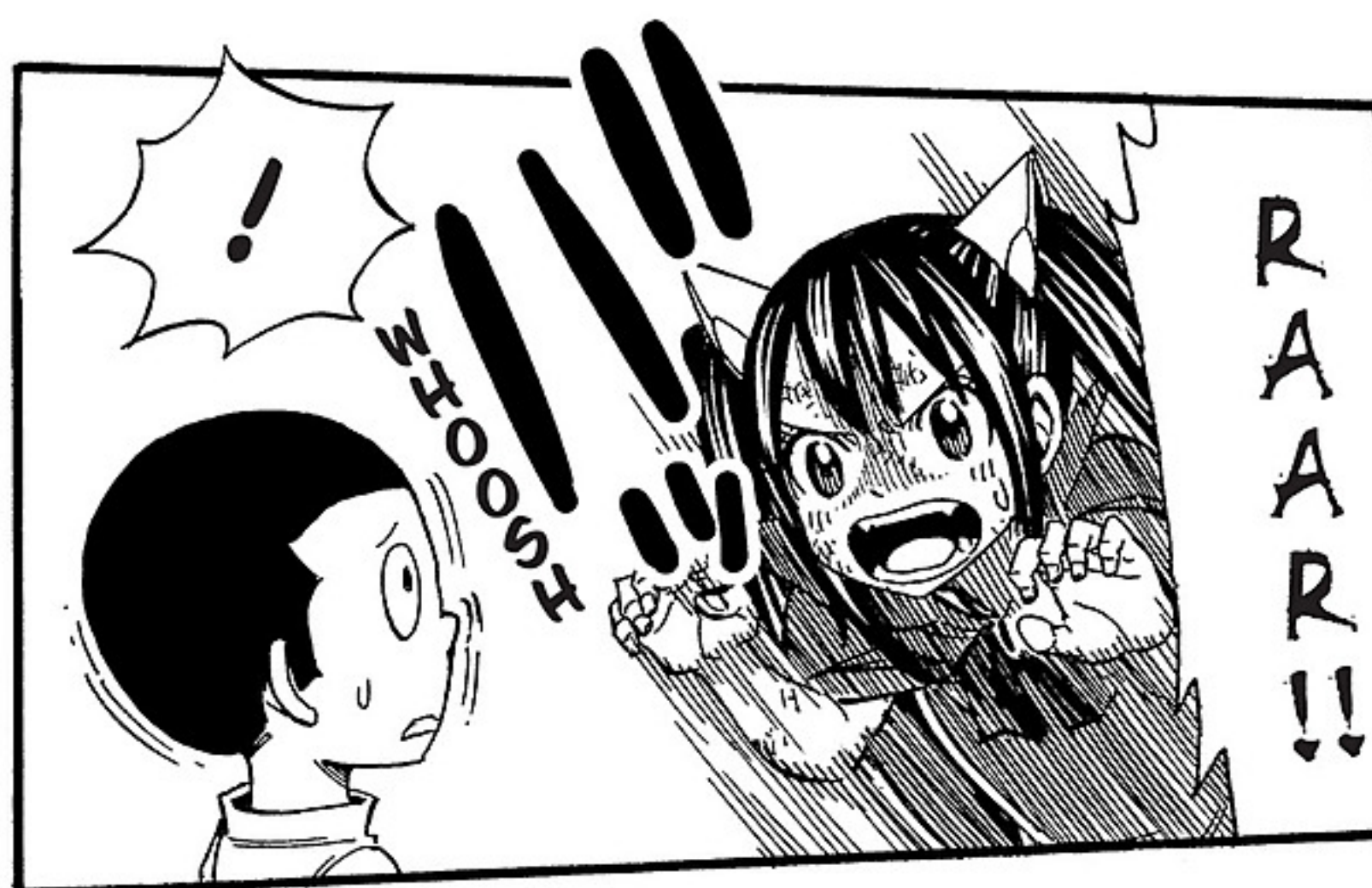
WGA HA HA HA HA

**My
name
is the
Demon
God
Dragneel
!!!!**

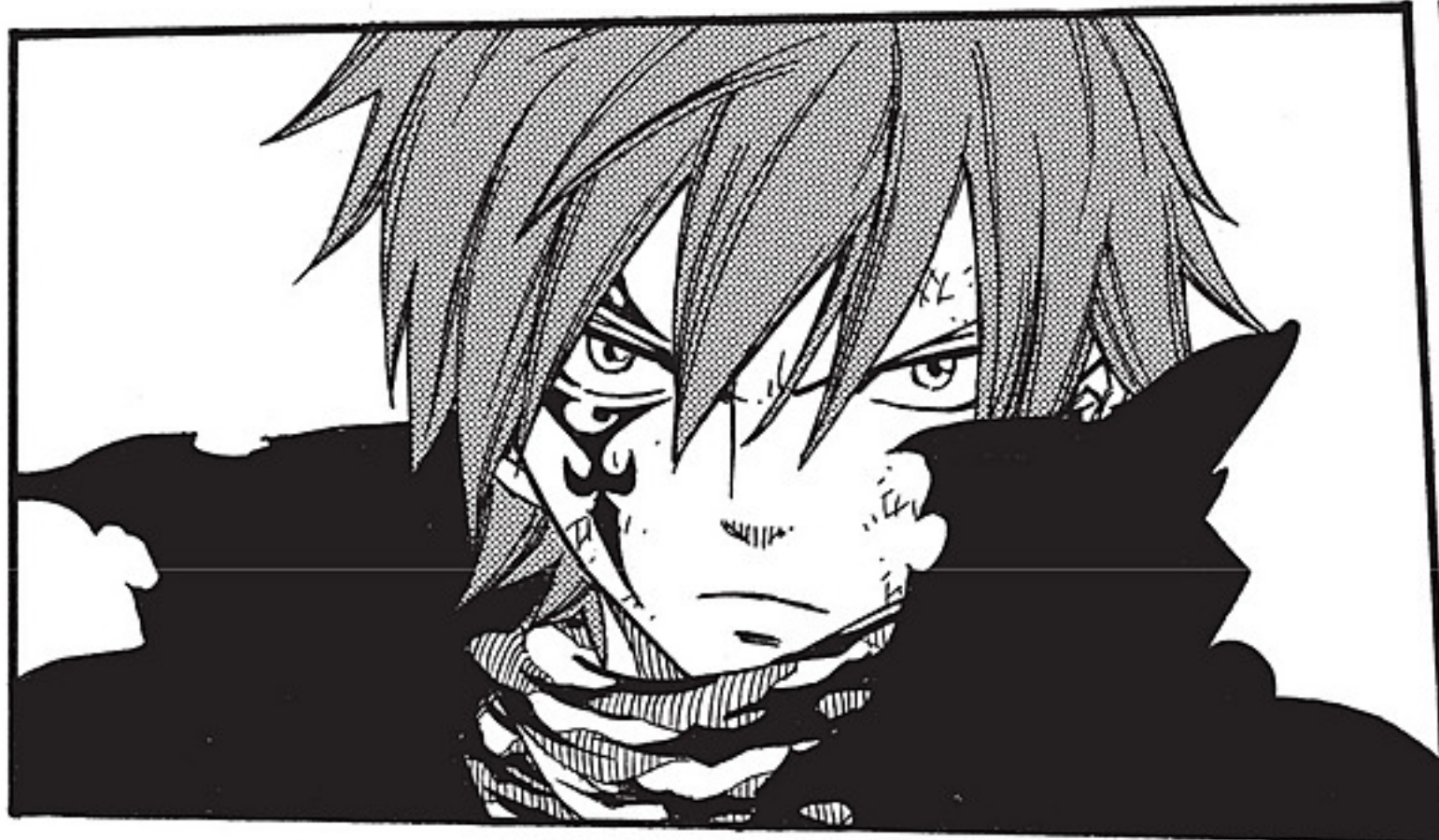
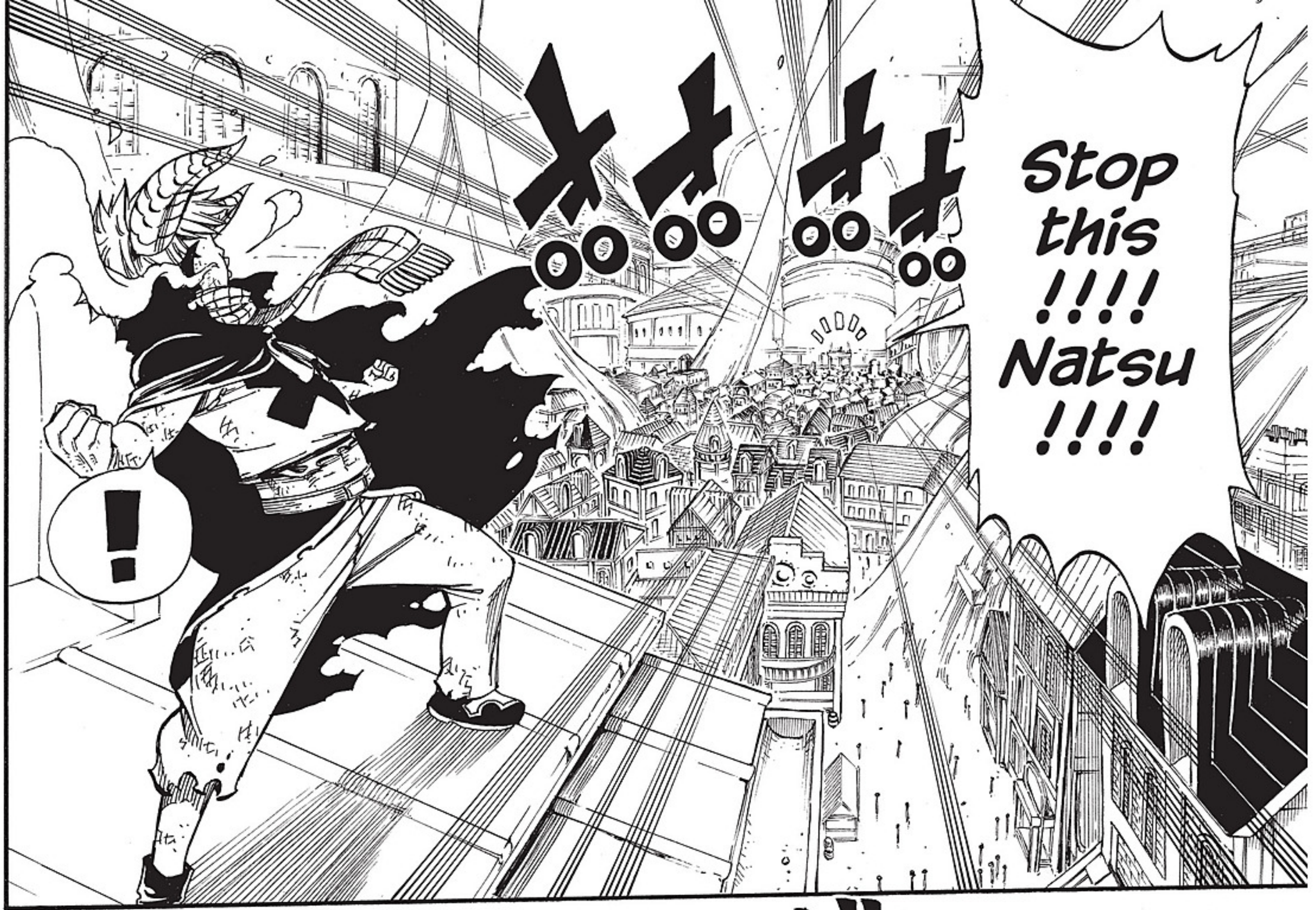
**I will
claim all
of the
magic
in this
world
!!!!**

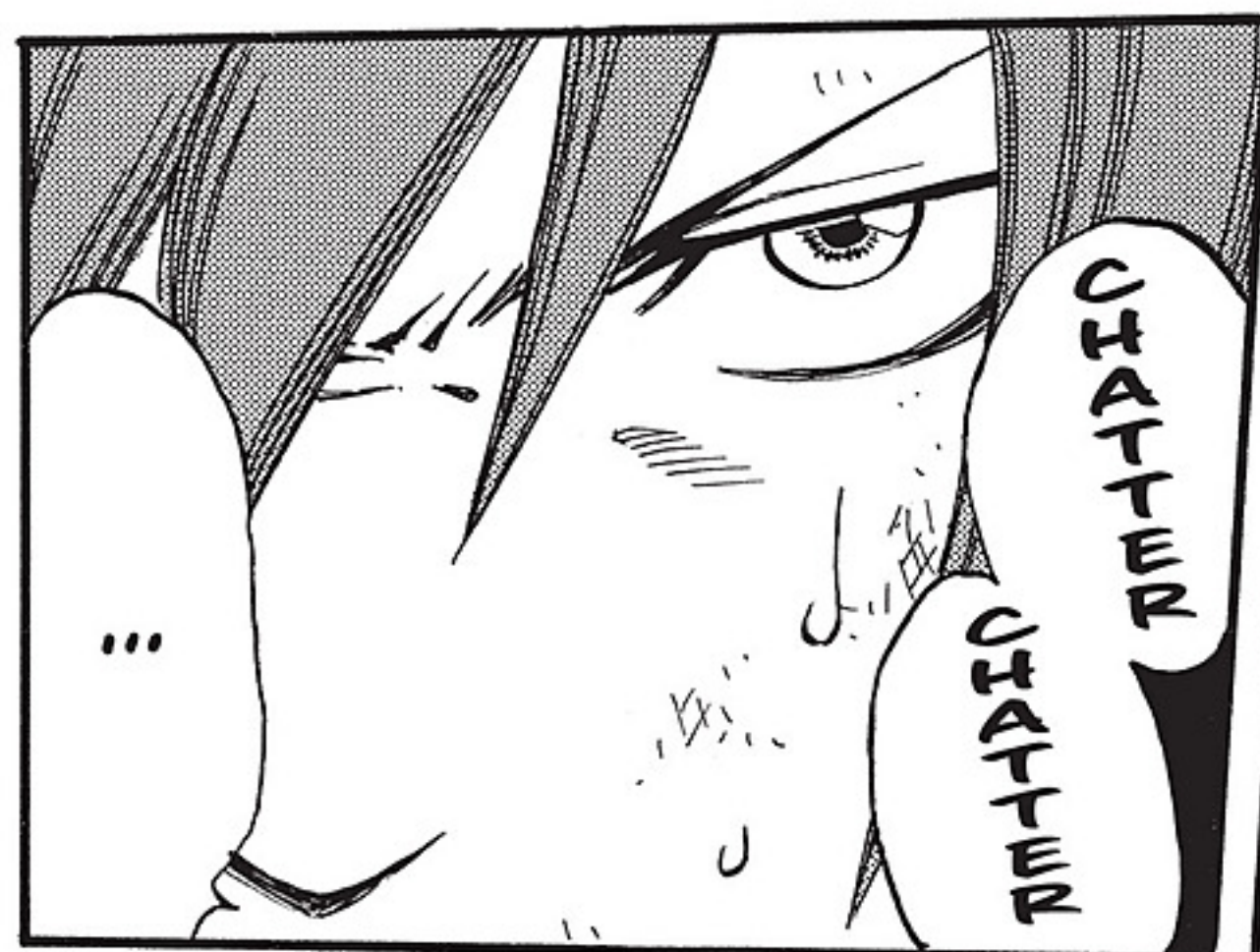






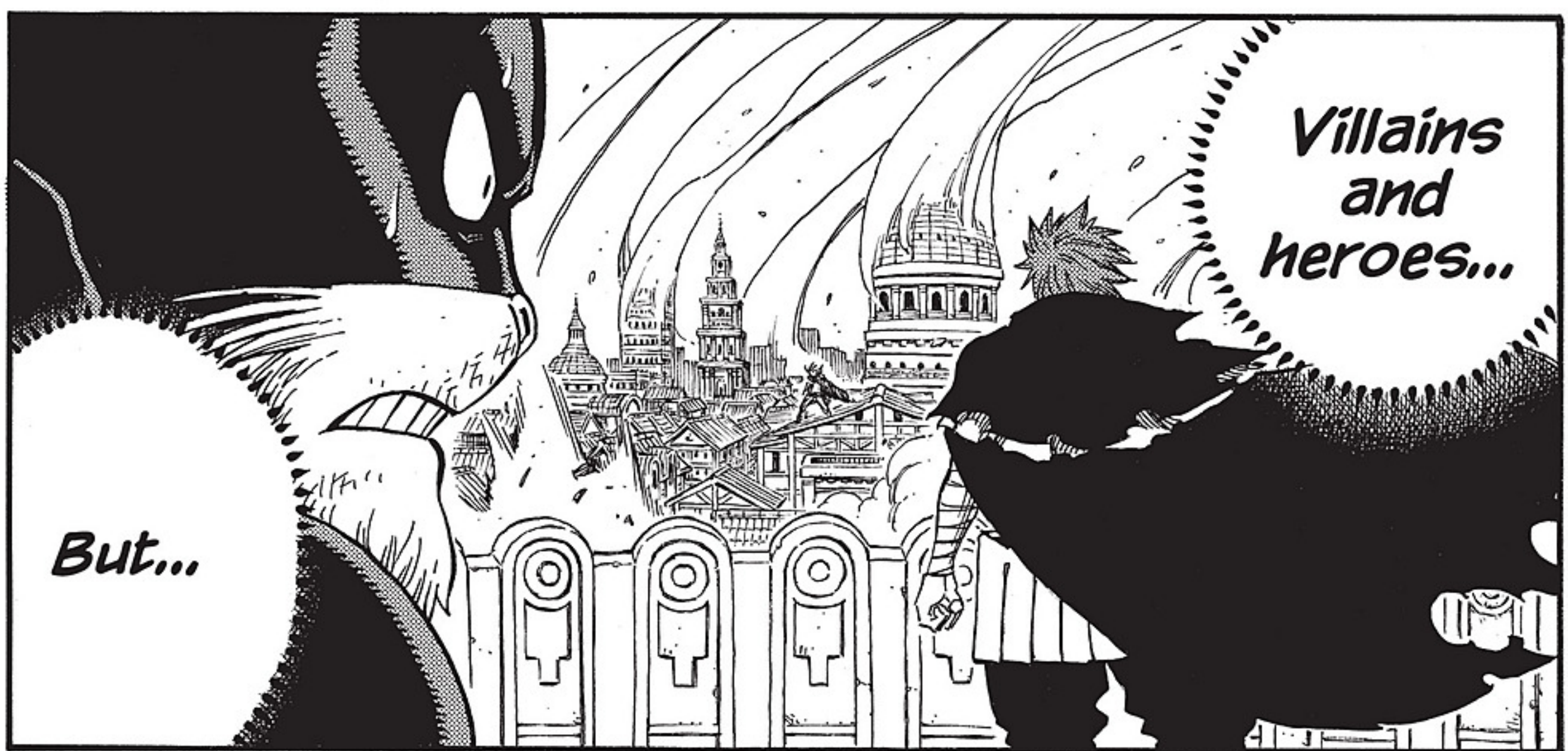
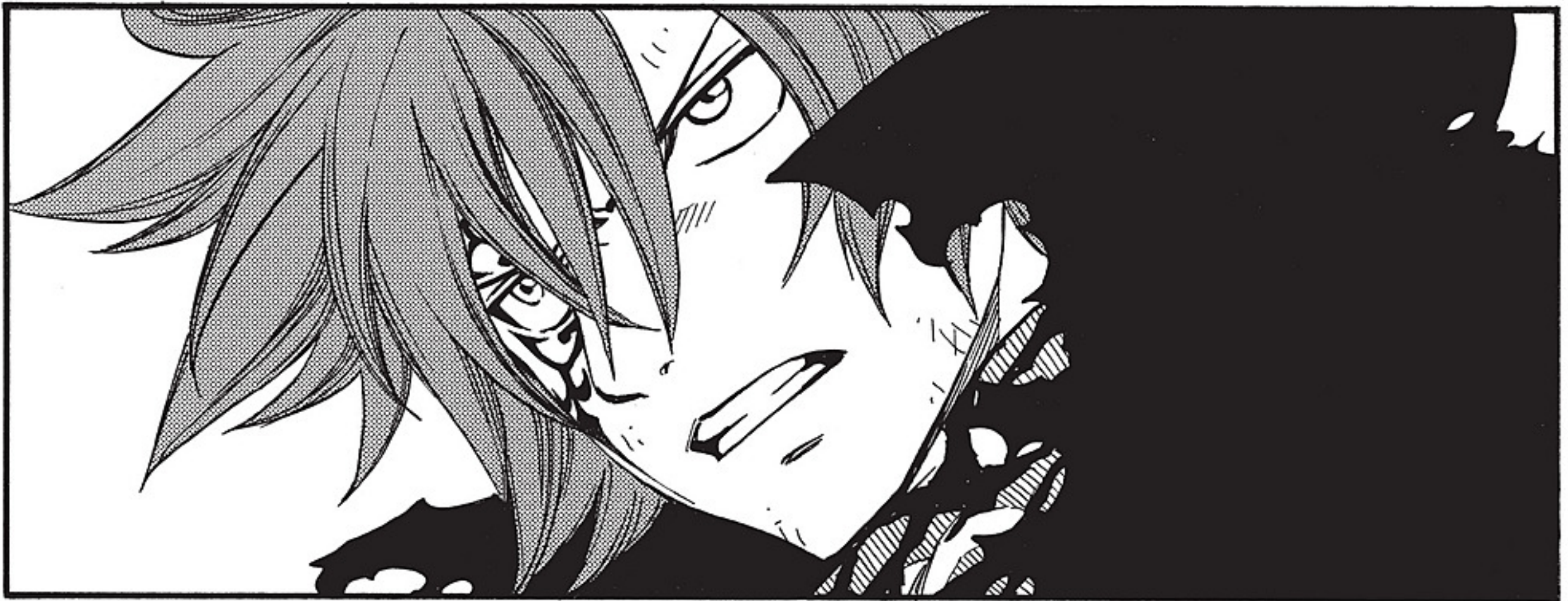








**'Cause if
you don't,
I'm going
to level this
town until
there's
nothing
left!**

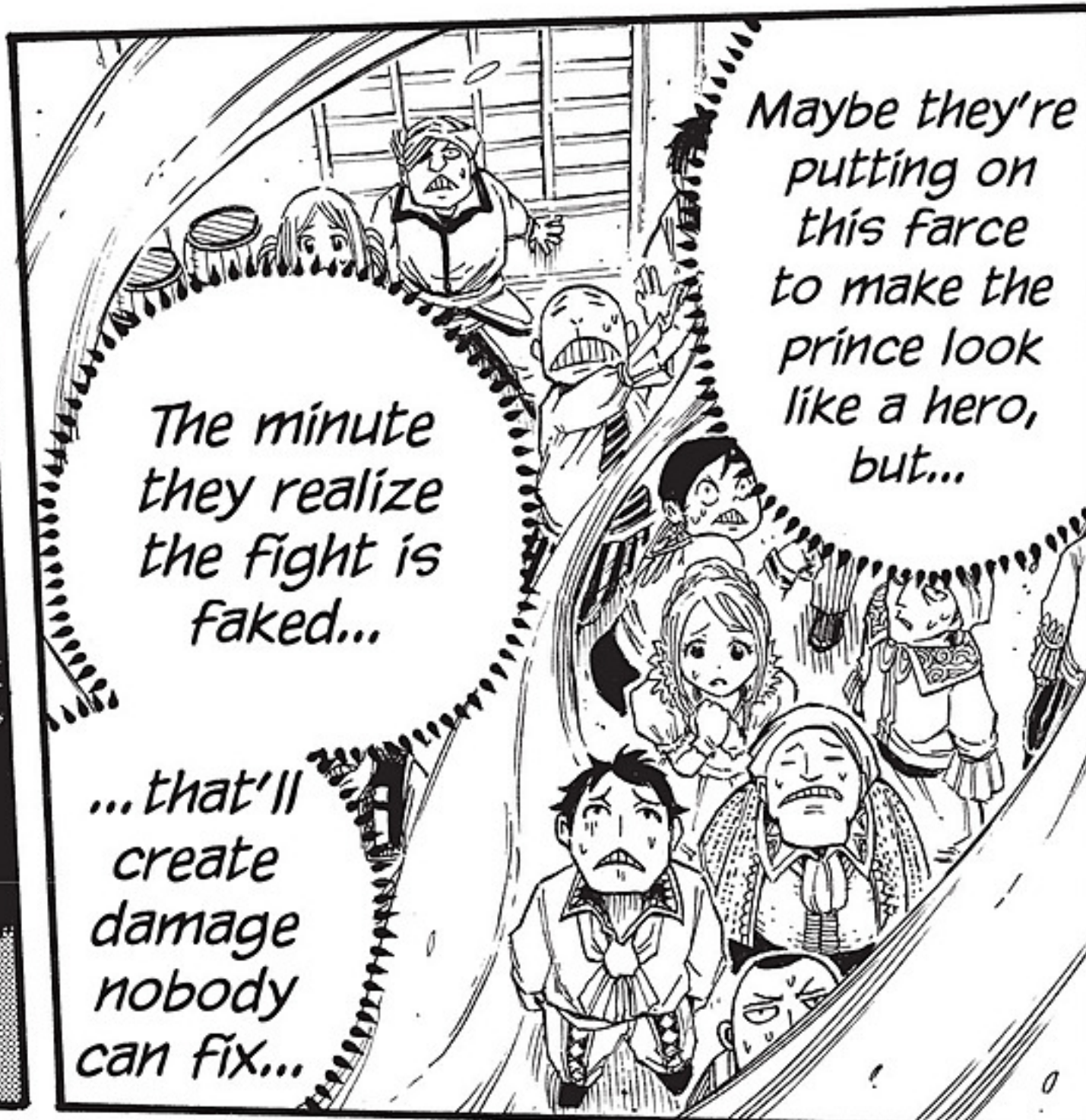




Y-You had better prepare yourself for it too.



Nobody's going to commit suicide here, are they...?



The minute they realize the fight is faked...

...that'll create damage nobody can fix...

Maybe they're putting on this farce to make the prince look like a hero, but...



...you will not believe!!

Because what we've come up with next...

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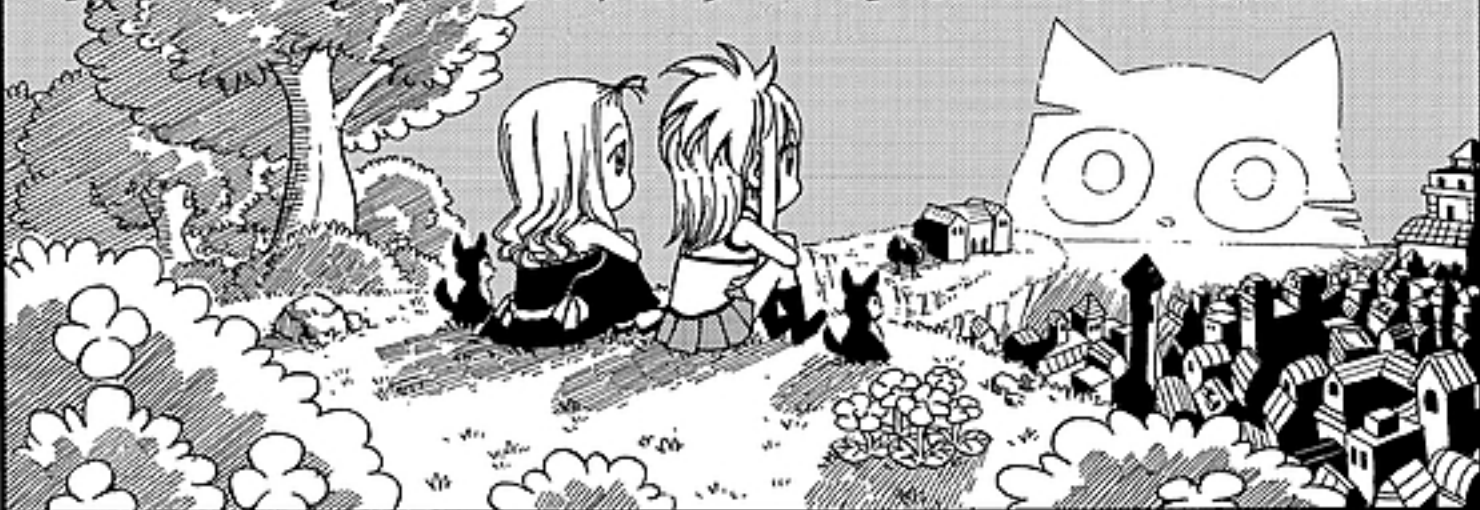
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EXTRA

Queen Chagot  The queen of Extalia, the country of the Exceed. She can see future events.	Mejeer  One of the Four Elders of Extalia. He's worried about his aging eyes, but it's his policy to never wear glasses.
Martam  One of the Four Elders of Extalia. He's taken care of Chagot ever since she was a baby.	Nichiya  Commander of the Imperial Guard of Extalia. A warrior who loves beautiful scents (perfumes). He leads the hundred-cat-plus Royal Guard.
Mysdroy  One of the Four Elders of Extalia. He was present when Chagot hatched from her egg, and one of her wings was gone.	Nadi  The Kingdom of Extalia's Minister of State. He's the one charged with helping to run the Kingdom. For some reason, he's always shaking his arm.
Muganto  One of the Four Elders of Extalia. He's the only one who knows that the queen's egg was extremely weak, so the queen gave one of her wings to the egg.	Panther Lily  Commander of the First Magical Warfare Division. Due to his breaking an old Exceed tradition, he was banished from his mother country. A very loyal warrior.

Lucky  Happy's father, but that's a secret. His favorite things are fish and apples. He's fallen into the habit of saying, "Aye," and, "Kaaaah!"	Clap  A young male who loves to fly. His special ability is to be able to sleep while using Aera. He's only ever fallen to the ground once.
Marl  Happy's mother, but that's a secret. A wife who is always smiling and kind. Taught the "shape of a heart" to Carla.	Salvare  He's spent so much time in southern Edolas that he now has a thick southern accent. He's a skilled hunter.
Belletokia  A girl who loves pineapples. She wants to grow up to be a scholar. She considers her striped tail to be one of her most charming features.	Kurubushi  A young Exceed who wants to be a comedian. He often goes down to the ground to gather ideas for his comedy act. For some reason, he always seems to meet up with huge caterpillars.
Monmo  The leader of the children's detective squad. His hobby is collecting unique sticks. He's weak but fast.	Go-Go-Tiger  A slow-moving delivery cat. Kurubushi is always talking to him, but he never listens. He loves tomatoes and cucumbers.

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On Magnolia Hill...

Lucy: Mira-san, the setting sun is pretty, huh?

Mira: What's wrong? Why are you so sentimental all of a sudden?

Lucy: It's nothing, really. You know... We just got this question.

Why don't Lucy's Sex-Appeal Missions ever work?



Lucy: Oh, dear.

Lucy: You mean it's never worked even once...?

Mira: Hm...
Seduce Count Everlue→Fail
Get Into Weekly Sorcerer→Fail
Miss Fairy Tail Contest→Fail
Last Volume Against Hughes→Fail

Lucy: You're right. Not once!!!

Mira: But remember that this reader

asked why it failed. In other words, he's saying, "It would have worked on me," right?

Lucy: Your sympathy is almost as bad as the question, so let's move on to the next one.

Doesn't anybody in the guild have parents?



Mira: What a good question!

Lucy: It doesn't really come up in the story a lot, huh?

Mira: This is foreshadowing to something in the backstory, so I really can't say much about it...

Lucy: Are you sure you're even supposed to say that much?

Lucy: Then I'll just say what I can... First Elfman and I lost our mother when we were little, and that was the impetus that made us enter the guild.

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Continued from the left-hand page.

Lucy: And as you read in previous volumes, my father is now in the Akarifa Trade Guild.

Mira: Natsu, Gray, Erza, Gajeel and Wendy have no parents, right?

Lucy: Levy-chan and Juvia both said they don't have any parents.

Mira: So there are unexpectedly a lot of BEEEEEP in the BEEEEEP

Lucy: Mira-san!! Somebody just bleeped out your words!

Lucy: Oh, dear.

Lucy: Not only that, but I hear that you don't even know about this backstory thing, Mira-san!

Mira: Is that so? Then I guess we'll just have to leave it at that.

Lucy: But looking at it like this, there sure are a lot of people without parents, huh...?

Lucy: But the guild is like our family, right?

Lucy: (I guess I should be happy that one of my parents is still alive.)

So where exactly do Natsu and Happy live?



Lucy: I'm very curious about that too!!

Mira: They have a place of their own on the outskirts of Magnolia.

Lucy: What kind of place is it?

Mira: A very normal place. It will show up in Volume 24, so enjoy the anticipation! ♥

Lucy: Heh heh heh! Once I know where it is, I'm going to sneak in!!

Mira: Sneak in? Whatever for?

Lucy: To show them what it feels like when they do it to me!! I'm going to make him scream, "This is my room!!"

Mira: A woman of puny ambitions.

Lucy: Huh? It's to surprise them!! Every time I go home, somebody is always there! That's gotta end!

Lucy: Then I'll help you out!

Lucy: Really? Mira-san!

Mira: Sure! It'll be really fun! ♥ Natsu and Happy will come back from a job, and Lucy will be there waiting saying, "Wel-come-home-honey! ♥"

Lucy: ...

Mira: Then Lucy will say, "Do you want dinner first, or a bath first, or maybe, ME first? ♥"

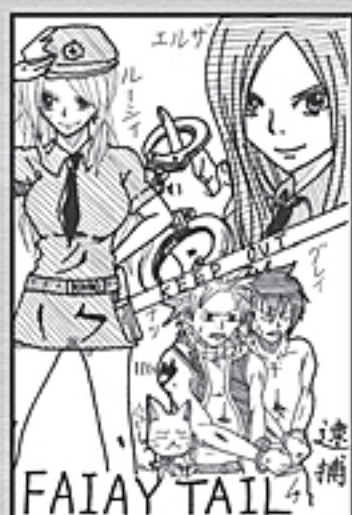
Lucy: Maybe we should just watch the sunset in silence, Mira-san.

Mira: Maybe you're right.

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▼ Yeah, I guess they would get caught... in many different ways.



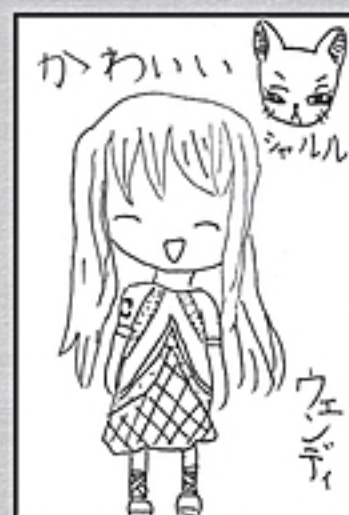
Tokyo, Kaminari

▼ Can't time is coming really soon! You have that to look forward to!



Hyogo Prefecture, Hikaru Matsunaga

▼ Thanks for the novel! I'm doing my best!



Gumi Prefecture, Y-tan

▼ Thanks! I'm going to be hard at work drawing Gura and Wendy too!



Nagasaki Prefecture, Haruki

▼ A dream (?) collaboration. They both have wonderful voices!



Yamaguchi Prefecture, Asuka

▼ Angry Natsu. I think it's cool how he's becoming one with the flames.



Hokkaido, Hikari Matsuda

▼ So will there be a huge change in Juvia next volume or not...?



Tokyo, Ayaka Saito

▼ I really like the strong old guy type! And I think he's going to be more active soon.



Kagawa Prefecture, Saki Nakanishi

▼ A really relaxed-looking Erza asleep... What a great picture!



Aichi Prefecture, Yuzu-hime

▼ It's Nightmare-san!! Hey, wait! This drawing's good!!!



Osaka, Kaoru Koga

▼ Just a short while back, I met the first person who ever said, "I love Sugar Boy!"



Chiba Prefecture, Yūka Horii

▼ Natsu in a quiet place... A very rare picture.



Chiba Prefecture, Yūka Miyazaki

▼ The person came right out and said, "I don't really like Natsu!" on the back of the postcard.

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Fukuoka Prefecture, Yūna Yoshida

▼ They can say whatever they like, but they really do get along pretty well.

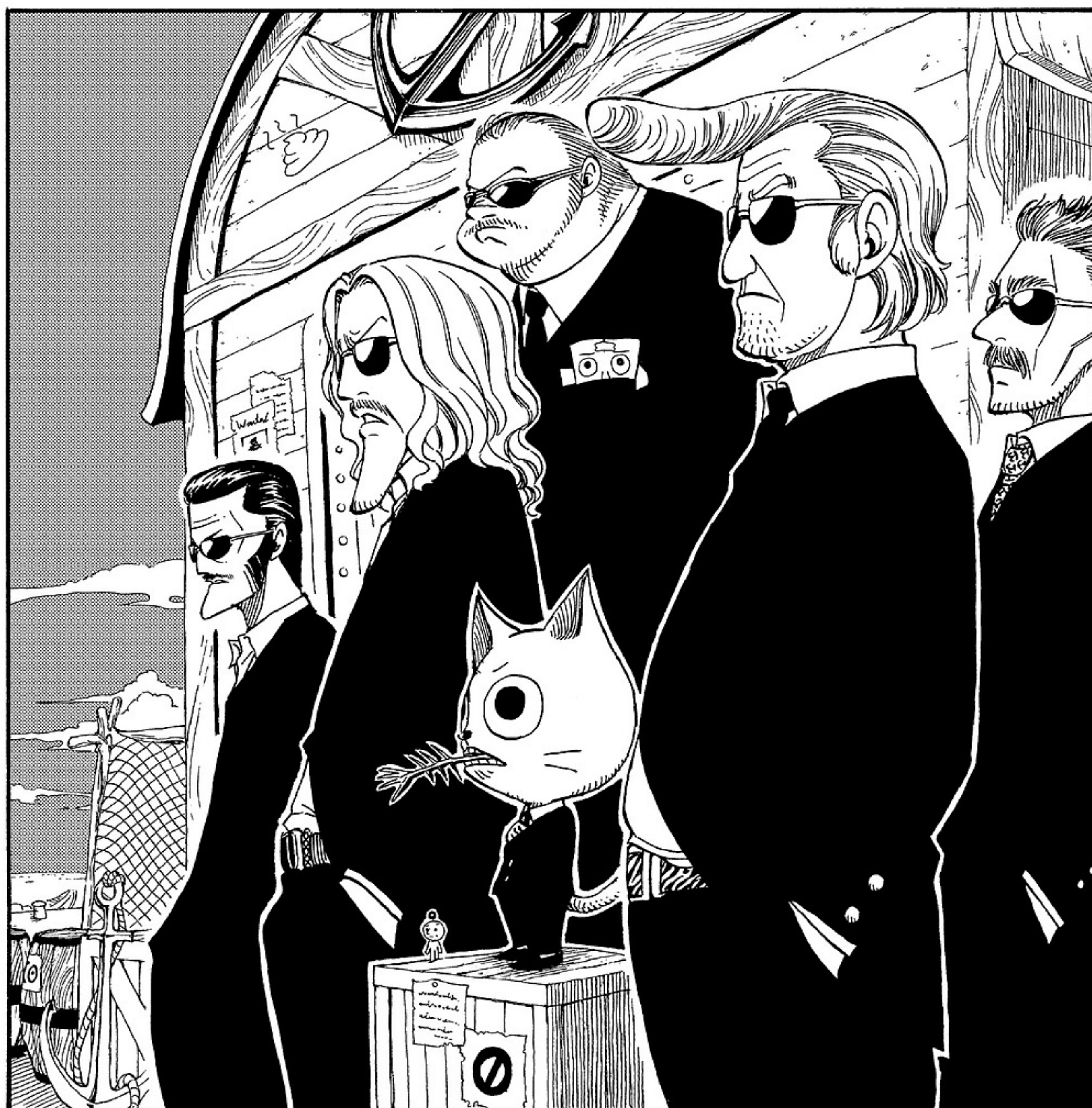


Kanagawa Prefecture, Hōshōkyū

▼ It's Alca!! Everybody's so cute! And it's very well drawn!!

Spot the Differences!

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This time, I present the France Trip Diary!! I thought I'd be completely buried in work before the trip, but actually I found some free time here and there. Actually this was my second time going to France, but last time, due to tight scheduling, I wasn't able to go to the palace of Versailles. So this time I was determined!! That's where Marie Antoinette was and all that stuff, right? Well, it was just amazing! I was moved!! Also, French cooking is delicious! The cheese fondue they have there was especially dangerous!! I couldn't stop!! And as a result, I gained a few kilos on the trip.

Now, thanks to the wonderful people who showed up for the signing, and the fantastic efforts of the staff, it turned out to be a huge success. I drew and signed for some 600-700 people over the course of three days. This country of France is so far away from Japan, so I was very thankful that so many fans would come to see me! And I was incredibly happy to meet my French fans. I couldn't say much aside from the simplest conversation (greetings), but it was really fun! I especially want to thank the members of the staff who exhausted themselves in their efforts to make it a good signing!! I want to go back again someday soon.

Come to think of it, I wrote last time that I'd like a signing in Japan too... Well, like a drumbeat, events just kept moving along, and I had a signing the other day in Akiba. So I want to say to all of the people who came and to the staff here in Japan too, thank you so much!!! And I'll be doing another signing as soon as I get the chance!!

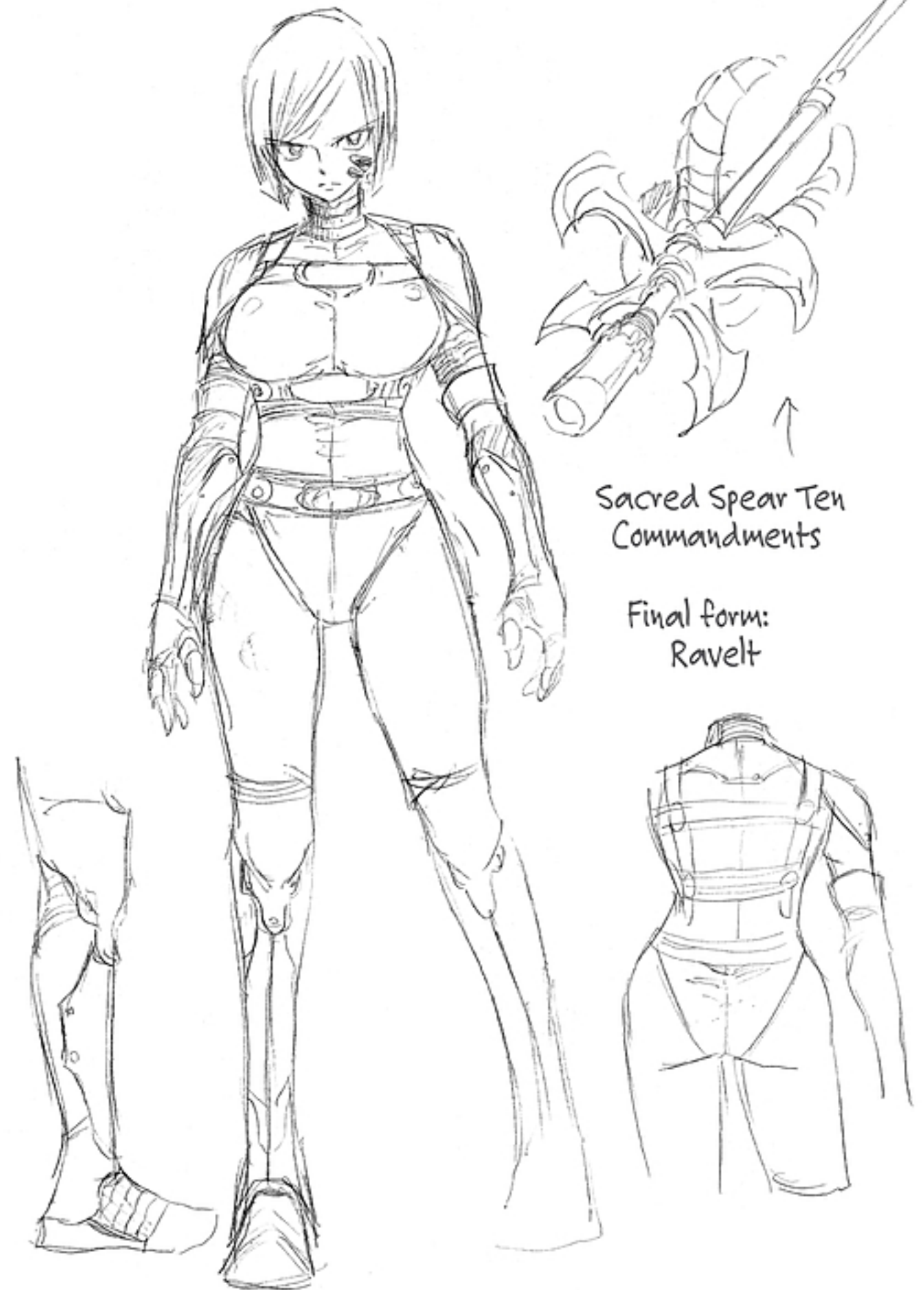
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Erza Nightwalker Ver. 2



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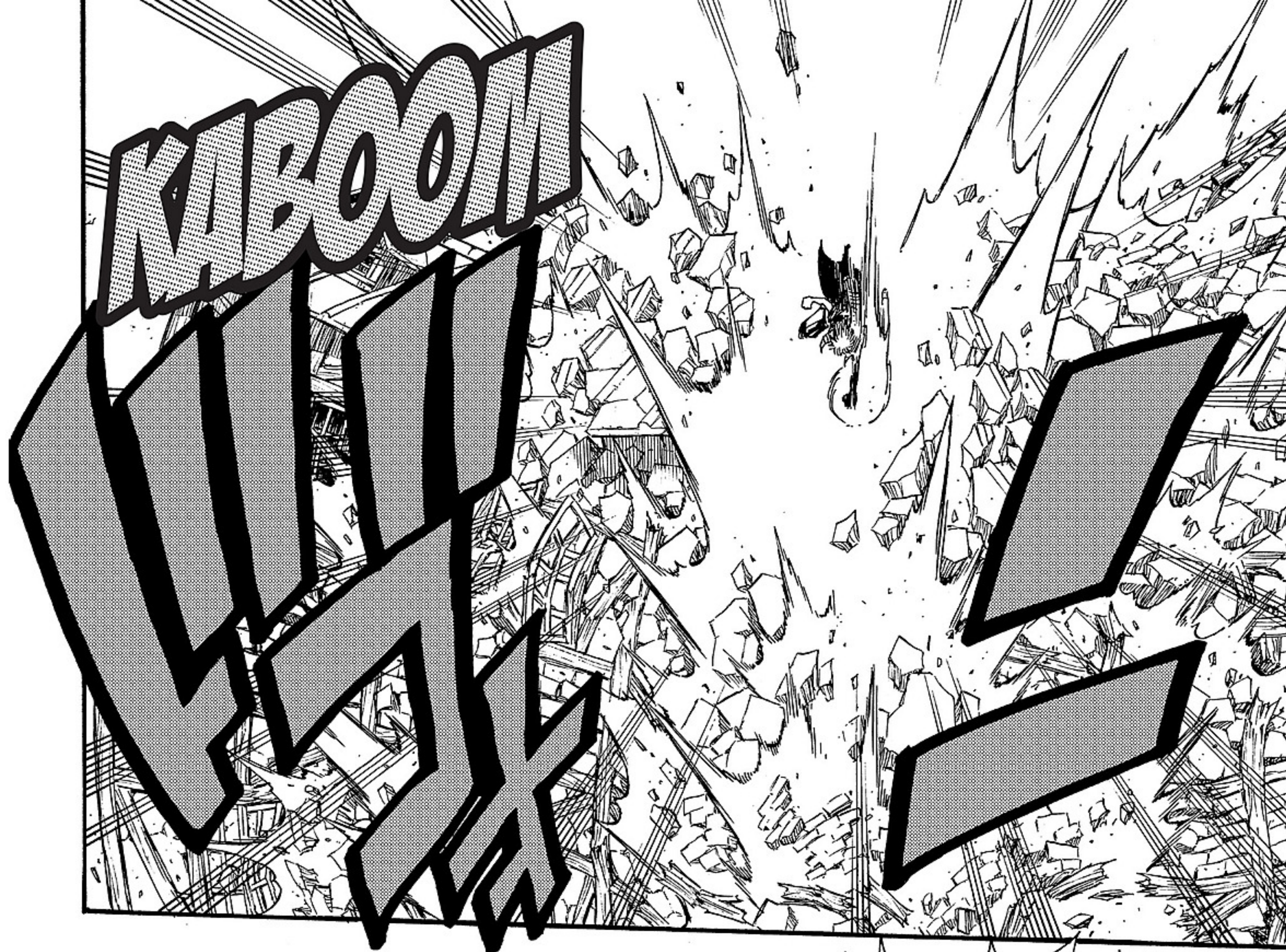
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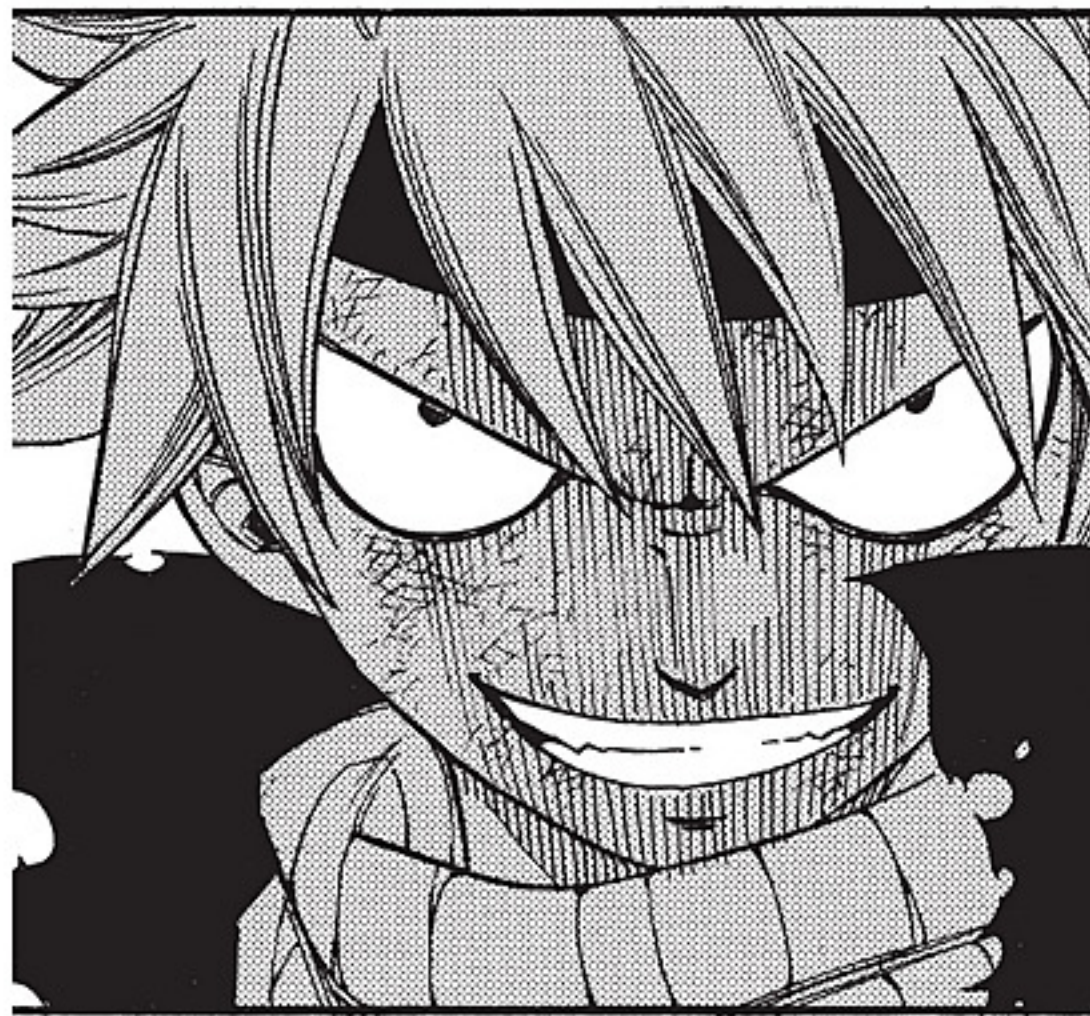
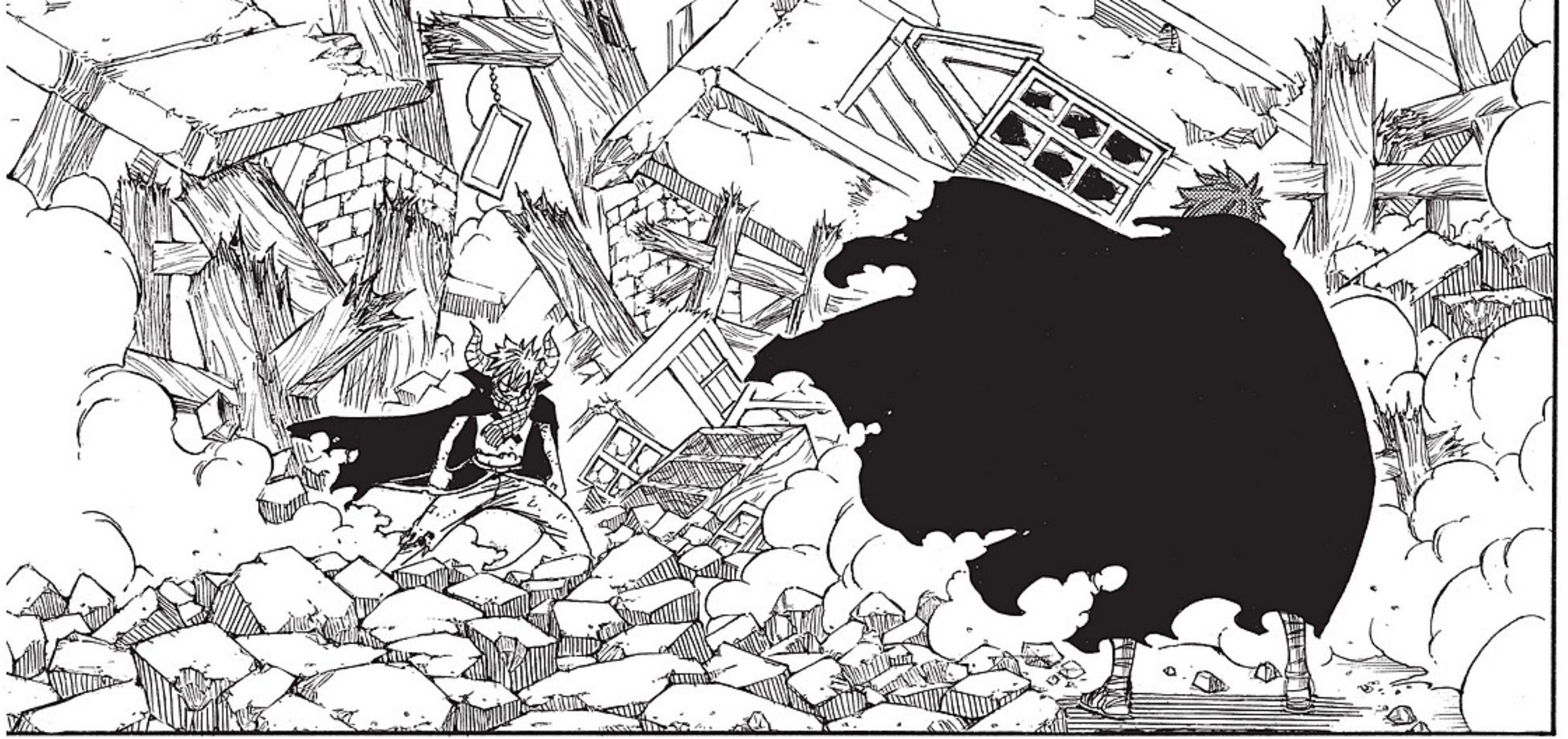
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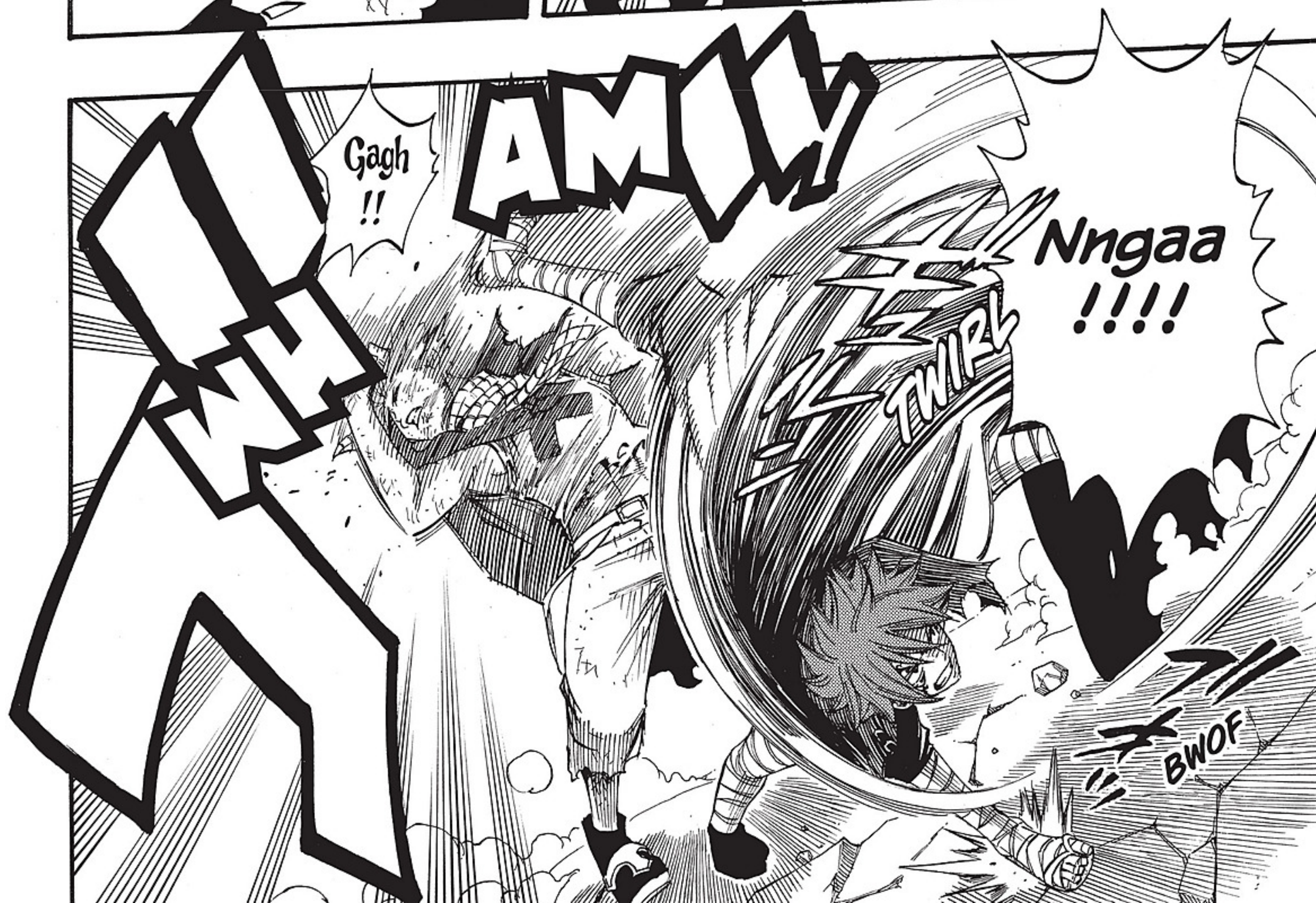
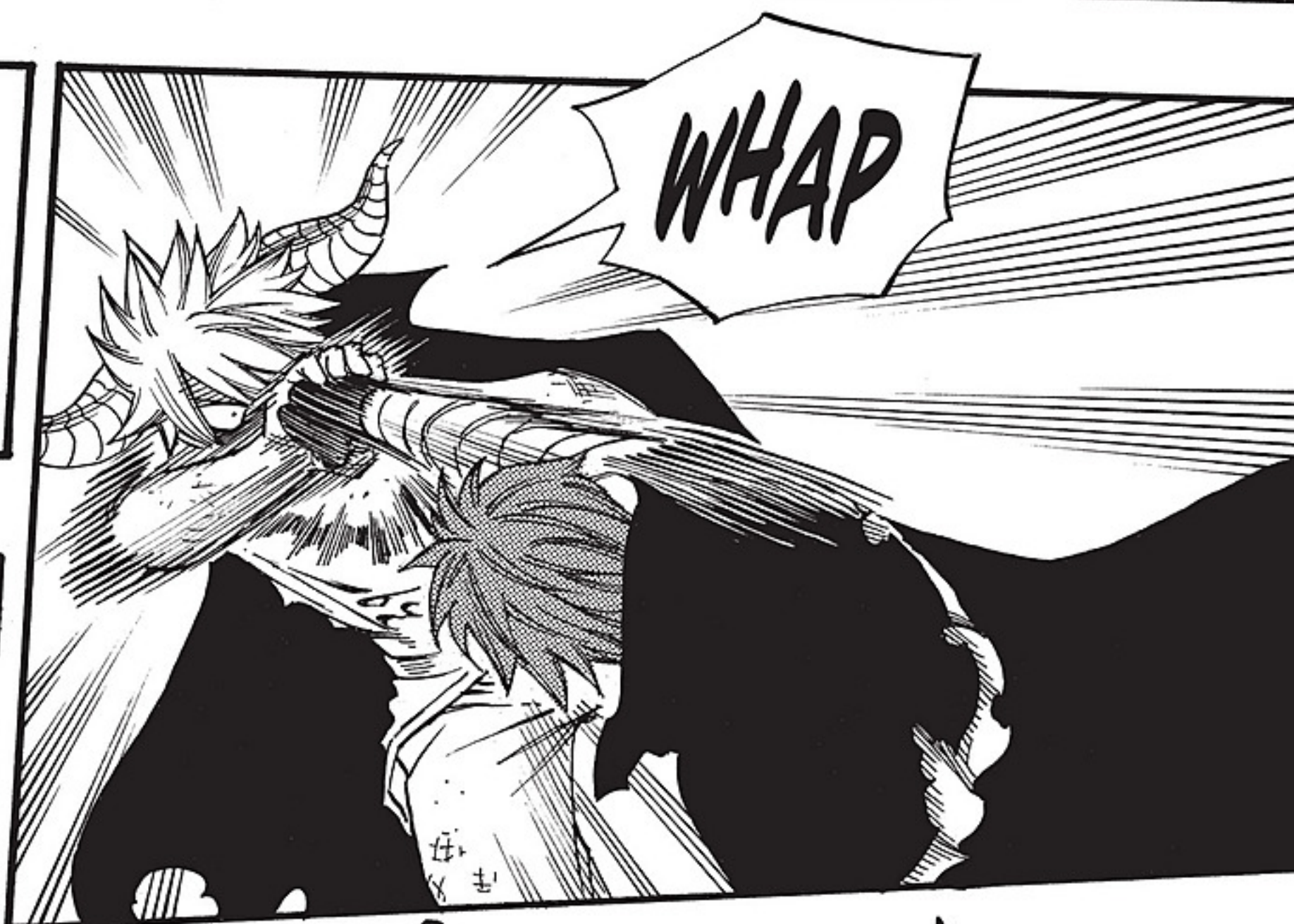
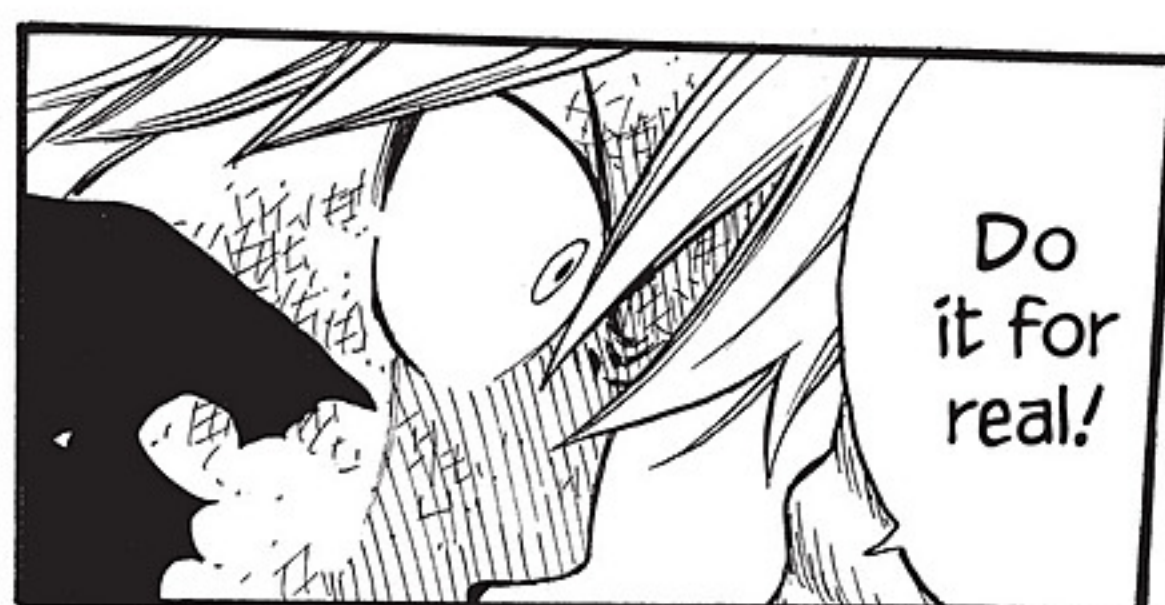
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